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Operating Instructions IC Recorder

Model No. RR-US591 RR-US571 RR-US551

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For Canada only

The warranty can be found on pages 40 and 41. For U.S.A. and Puerto Rico only

The warranty can be found on pages 42 and 43.

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The illustration shows RR-US591.

Dear customer

Thank you for purchasing this product.

For optimum performance and safety, please read these instructions carefully.

Before connecting, operating or adjusting this product, please read the instructions completely. Please keep this manual for future reference.





Supplied accessories



Please check and identify the supplied accessories.

Use numbers indicated in parentheses when asking for replacement parts. (Product numbers correct as of December 2009. These may be subject to change.)

Only for the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico:

To order accessories, refer to "Accessory Purchases (United States and Puerto Rico)" on page 43.

Only for Canada: To order accessories, call the dealer from whom you have made your purchase.

1 USB cable [K2KZ4CB00012]

CAUTION

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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Part names Main unit



Inserting the batteries



Make sure the batteries face the right direction.

Use alkaline batteries.

The remaining battery display shown below is

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- I ne remaining battery display shown below is displayed while recording or playing.
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 If the batteries run out, "
 batteries as soon as possible.
 Remove the batteries from the unit if you will not use if for a long norised of time.
 - use it for a long period of time.
 - Please replace batteries within approx. 30 seconds for preservation of the clock data.

Make sure to turn the power off before removing the batteries.

• If the batteries are removed while recording, deleting, etc., all data on this unit may be lost or this unit may be destroyed.

Turning ON/OFF the Power

OPERATION/HOLD Switch



Turning the power ON

 Slide OPERATION/HOLD switch to OPEr side, then the power turns on and the display lights on.

Turning the power OFF

 Slide and hold OPERATION/HOLD switch to OPRside for 2 seconds.

Also, when you do not operate the unit for more than approx. 15 minutes while the unit is stopped, " $\frac{1}{2}$ " is displayed and the power automatically turns off.

When batteries are inserted for the first time, "CLOCK" blinks on the display. Please set the time (→ page 7).

Hold function

Button operations are ignored when you set Hold on.

Switching Hold on/off





 When the Hold function is on, button operation is ignored even if the unit is on ("hū (d") is displayed). Accordingly, operation mistakes (i.e. Recording or playback stopping midway) can be prevented.

Setting the time

When the power is turned on, "CLOCK" blinks on the display when the time is not set (e.g. at the time of purchase). (In power-on condition, the display changes to "[2,1]]" (blinking) in approx. 1 minute.) The clock is used for preserving recording date. Please set the time first.

Recording is possible even if the clock is not set. However, the Recording date, Recording start time will be displayed as "----"



Preparation

Recording settings

This unit has 4 recording setting items related to recording quality. Using different combinations of recording settings, you can adjust audio quality according to recording situations.

Recording setting item	Setting con disp	itents and lay
Recording mode	High-quality	¶ ∶XP ∶LP
(→ page 15)	Long recordin	g ↓ :SLP
Switching Monaural/ Stereo (→ page 14)	Monaural Stereo	: Mono : St
Microphone sensitivity (→ page 14)	High Normal Low	: MIC 41 : MIC41 : MIC4
Zoom microphone (→ page 15)	Zoom microph Zoom microph	none ON : ZOOM none OFF : No display

Switching recording position

This unit is equipped with 3 recording positions: [ZOOM], [WIDE] and [MANUAL]. The [ZOOM] and [WIDE] content settings are fixed while [MANUAL] content settings can be changed according to your preference. You can switch among the positions using Recording position switch.

Recording position	Setting contents (display) and situations
ZOOM	XP For lessons, lectures, MIC+II etc. (Recording the XCOM XAMA
WIDE	MC+1 ST MC+1 MC
	KONO MIC· KOOM
MANUAL	★ [MANUAL] position has been set to be suitable for dictation at the time of purchase. You can change the setting according to your preference (→ pages 14, 15).

The total possible recording time (→ page 39) changes according to the combination of the recording mode and Stereo/Monaural.

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You can change the recording mode (XP, LP, SLP) in all positions (\rightarrow page 15).



Recording position switch

Recording

• Turn the power on (-> page 6).

• Press Oto stop the unit.

Slide recording position switch to select a position.

Switch modes according to situations (\rightarrow page 8).

Select a folder for recording.

The folder is switched each time you press Select among "A|B|C|D]" (The factory setting is "<u>A</u>]").

When you select " \bot ", recording is automatically saved in "Al" (If the folder already contains 99 files, the next folder with recordable space is used).

Press (Recording starts).

Each time vou press Pause \rightleftharpoons Recording resumes



To stop: Press

Folder

[Folder] for this unit means locations in which recording (music) files are stored. There are 4 audio folders "<u>A|B|C|D</u>]" and 1 music folder "J" in this unit

Using each folder according to the purposes of recording enables you to search files easily later. A maximum of 99 files can be saved into each audio folder Al to Dl.

File

Recorded audio data from the starting point to the ending point is saved as a file. The saved data is called a file

- Even if you change the position of Recording position switch during recording, the setting will not be changed until the recording is complete.
- Change the recording mode as necessary (-> page 15).
- Do not block the holes of the zoom microphone and built-in microphone during recording (\rightarrow page 4).
- VQT2M1 Note if your finger or an object touches this unit during recording, the noise will be recorded through the microphone.

Operations Basic

Playing

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- Press $\stackrel{\text{STOP}}{\bigcirc}$ to stop the unit.
- Select a folder (→ right).
- Select a file (→ right).

Press ►/■ (Playback starts).

Adjusting the volume

Turn up the volume: Press +. Turn down the volume: Press -. Volume range is 0 to 20. (The factory setting is 13.)

Operations during playback

Jump (Skip):

Press |

Press I midway while playing a file and the playback jumps to the beginning of the file. To return to the previous file, press I again within 1 second.

Fast backward/Fast forward (Search):

Press and hold | . .

Stop: Press ►/■ or O.

The folder is switched each time you press

Select among "Al", "B", "CI", "D", "J". Select the folder that contains the file to play.

Select a file

Press | < , >> | to select.

Each time you press, the file number changes.



Recording date \rightarrow Recording start time \rightarrow Recording time \rightarrow Total number of files in the folder

Confirming the _ remaining time

Press and hold Officered for 1 second or longer during playback.

The remaining time of the file being played is displayed for approx. 3 seconds.





Listening to the audio using earphones

Connect stereo earphones (not included). Plug type: ø 3.5 mm (1/8") stereo mini plug

Monitoring the recording progress

Adjusting the volume:

You can adjust the volume by pressing +, -, but the recording level is not affected.

Listening to the audio during playback

The audio during playback comes from the speaker. Listening may be difficult in noisy places due to the speaker output. In that case, connect stereo earphones (not included).

• The built-in speaker is turned off when earphones are connected.

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Deleting recorded files





Press ►/■ to enter.

Press I ◄ , ►►I to select "J[]" and press ►/■ to enter.



When deleting is complete, "- -" is displayed.

It may take dozens of seconds until deleting is complete.

Formatting

If the unit is formatted, all existing files including protected files, music files, data files transferred from PCs, etc. are deleted.

- Deleted files cannot be recovered.
- You cannot delete a portion of a file.
- Press $\sum_{i=1}^{SUP}$ to stop the operation midway.
- The file numbers displayed on this unit are moved forward after deleting files.
- Both deleting and formatting data are not available when the remaining battery display shows "C" (blinking).

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Locking recorded files (File protection)

Locked files cannot be deleted on this unit (except when formatting). Use this function to protect files.





Changing recording settings (Zoom microphone/Recording mode (XP/LP/SLP)) How to set the

Changing Zoom microphone setting



Preventing unnecessary recording (VAS)/Confirming possible (remaining) recording time

VAS (Voice Activated System) function

Recording stops automatically when silence continues for about 3 seconds. If the unit detects sound, the recording resumes.

- •A-B \odot /-MENU Press $\overset{\text{STOP}}{\bigcirc}$ to stop the unit.
 - Press and hold *ABCI-MENU for 1 second or longer.

"XPLPSLP" (blinking) is displayed.

- Press +, to select "(((**\$**" and press ►/■ to enter.
- Press I ◄ ◀, ►►I to select "Ūn" and press ►/ To enter. Then "((¶" is displayed.

Start recording to activate this function. When the VAS function is active and the recording is paused during recording, "((\P " and the recording indicator blink.

Canceling VAS function:

Select "[]FF " and enter in step 3

• Turn the function off when recording important matters.

Press O to stop the setting process midway.

Confirming possible (remaining) recording time



Possible recording time is displayed for approx. 3 seconds.

hour minute second remaining memory

When there is only a little^{*} remaining memory left while recording, the display is automatically changed to the remaining recording time display.

 When the possible recording time is 1000 hours or longer, "9995959" is displayed. (RR-US591 only)

The "=" display while stopped shows approximate remaining memory. "=" lighte up in response to

"=" lights up in response to the remaining time.



When there is only a little^{*} remaining memory left, "=" blinks.

* When the remaining recording time falls below approx. 1 hour.

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Recording indicator

STOP

FOLDER/SPEED

Setting the playback speed control function

Playback speed can be adjusted at 21 different steps (50% to 200%).



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Reducing noise (EQ setting)/Slight return playback Setting Slight Return Playback

Reducing noise (EQ setting)

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Repeat play/Successive play, A-B Repeat play

STOP

Repeat play/Successive play A-B Repeat play Plavback repeats between the start point (A) Each time you press ***** and finish point (B) if those points are set. Press A-BO/-MENU while stopped, the playback while playing. Operations • A-B ↔/-MENU style is switched as follows. The start point (A) is set and AI "A-B" (blinking) and " A-B ALL \rightarrow ALL $\bigcirc \rightarrow$ No display $\rightarrow \bigcirc$ 22 (lighting) are displayed. A-B < >/-MENI at the finish point (B). ZOOM ALI Press "ALL" display ជ័យ ii " The display changes to "A-B" The selected file until (lighting) and repeat play starts. Ċ A∙B the last file in the selected folder are đ ced played successively. The unit stops Canceling A-B Repeat: when the plavback finishes. dvan (The factory setting is "ALL".) or $| \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b} |$ while playing. Or Press press ("ALL O" display īΟ íï٦ Plays all files in the You cannot set A-B Repeat in the following cases: folder repeatedly. Within approx. 1 second from the beginning of the file and within approx. 2 seconds from the No display ПЧ end of the file When the plavback for . Less than approx. 2 seconds between the start one file finishes, the unit stops. point (A) and finish point (B) When only the start point (A) is set and playback Ξ "O" display ĨЧ continues until the end of the file, the end becomes Plays one file repeatedly. the finish point (B) and A-B Repeat begins. During A-B Repeat playback, the Slight Return Select one of the above settings Playback (-> page 18) is not available. and, press \blacktriangleright to start playback.

Security functions

If you set a password, password authentication is necessary when playing back this unit or connecting to a computer. When the unit is lost or stolen, the recorded data stored in this unit cannot be played or the computer does not recognize this unit as long as the password does not match.

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If you forget the password, you cannot play files in folder A to D. Please write it down in MEMO section (\rightarrow right) for reference.

Setting the password (4-digit number)

- Press
 Or to stop the unit.
- Press and hold *ABCU-MENU for 1 second or longer. "XPLPSLP" (blinking) is displayed.
- Press +, to select "⑤" and press ▶/■ to enter.
 - Press I ◄ , ► I to select "In" and press ► / to enter.

Enters the password entry display.



Press +, – to select a number and press ▶/■ to enter.

Move to the next digit and select a number. Repeat this until the 4th digit. (You can select a digit with $| \blacktriangleleft \triangleleft, \rangle \rangle$.) The password is determined when you finish entering the 4th digit. Then " $\mathbf{\hat{s}}$ " is displayed.

MEMO

Password

If the password has been set and you press $\blacktriangleright/\blacksquare$ to play a file, the password entry display appears (\rightarrow page 21).

Canceling the security lock:

- (1) Select "[] FF" and enter in step (3).
- 2 Perform step 4. (Enter the password.)
- Press Or to stop the setting process midway.
- To change the password, cancel the security lock and set a password again from step 1.

Authenticating the password

Perform step ④ on page 20. (Enter the password.)



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When the password matches

- The security lock is temporarily released and the audio file can be played. ("S" blinks while temporarily canceling.)
- In the condition (A), the security lock is set again.
 - · (A
 - When you do not operate for more than approx. 15 minutes and the power turns off while the unit is stopped (→ page 6)
 - When the unit is off for more than approx. 15 minutes

When the password is wrong

The unit beeps and "PRS [rr" is displayed, then the password entry display reappears. When wrong passwords are entered 5 times in succession, the unit stops accepting password entry. In that case, reenter the password in condition (a) (-) above).

When you have forgotten the password

To initialize the password, delete all files.

- Release all locks set on files in folder A through D (> page 13).
- ② Delete all files in folder A through D (→ page 12).
- ③ Select "IFF" in step ③ of "Setting the password (4-digit number)" and press ►/■ to enter (→ page 20).
- If this unit is connected to a computer when the security lock is not canceled, the computer does not recognize this unit. After connecting the USB cable, the password entry display appears. Then, authenticate the password.
- Even if the security lock is not canceled, recording and playing music are still available.

This security function is only to limit a playback function for files by password, not by encryption. Panasonic does not guarantee any kind of loss in case your password gets discovered.

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Recording using an external microphone/Recording from other devices **Recording using an external Recording from other devices** microphone

· Change the setting to monaural/stereo on this unit according to the microphone's monaural/ stereo (-> page 14).



(1) Record the audio (\rightarrow page 9).

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If the recording level is too low or high, adjust the microphone sensitivity (\rightarrow page 14).

• Set monaural/stereo to stereo (-> page 14).



(1) On the source, play audio you want to copy. (2) On this unit, record the audio (\rightarrow page 9).

- Use the connection cable that matches monaural/stereo of the connected device. Wrong connection may cause recording trouble (i.e. Only 1 channel is recorded.).
- The recorded sound may differ from the original recording sound.
- Adjust the recording volume on the source to the desired level.

Read the operating instructions for the connected device.

The microphone function of this unit does not work if another device is connected to the external microphone jack.

Advanced Operations

Recording to other devices

Cancel the operation beep while copying (
 right).



(1) On this unit, play the file you want to copy (\rightarrow page 10). Record using recording equipment.

- Read the operating instructions for the connected device.
- Use the connection cable that matches monaural/stereo of the connected device. Wrong connection may cause recording trouble (i.e. Only 1 channel is recorded.).
- The recorded sound quality may differ from the sound quality of this unit.
- Adjust the recording volume on this unit to the desired level.

Canceling the operation beep

Connecting this unit to a computer

You can copy files recorded on this unit to the computer.

- Start the computer beforehand.
- Press \bigotimes^{SOP} to stop the unit.

Insert the USB cable into this unit. Insert the USB cable into the computer.

• Do not use any other USB connection cables except the supplied one. " $P_L^{(n)}$ is displayed on the unit's screen when the computer recognizes this unit.

Use the supplied USB cable.

Do not use the supplied cable with other devices.

Caution: Use only the included USB cable with a ferrite core when connecting to computer.

When the computer does not recognize this unit

- If " PB_2 " is displayed, enter the password (\rightarrow page 21).
- If " $iJ_5^{L}b$ n_b^{C} " is displayed, disconnect this unit from the computer once, replace the batteries and reconnect the unit to the computer.

 Even if you connect this unit to the computer without the battery or with a depleted battery, the computer cannot recognize this unit (
 → page 33).

System requirements (OS)

Windows 2000 (SP4), Windows XP and SP2, SP3,

Windows Vista and SP1, Windows 7 (As of December 2009)

Please see page 31 for details of system requirements.

Removing the USB cable

Double-click the icon (Windows 2000/Windows XP: []], Windows Vista/Windows 7: []] on the task tray at the bottom of the computer screen and follow the on-screen instructions to remove the USB cable. (The icon may not be displayed depending on the OS settings.)

After the cable is removed, this unit turns off.

USB mass storage function

This unit functions as a USB memory and is recognized as a computer's external storage device.

Data files in the computer can be transferred and saved in this unit.

- When the unit is connected to the computer, the computer may not start (restart). It is recommended that the USB cable is removed from this unit when starting (restarting) the computer.
- When the unit is connected to the computer, if you start (restart) the computer or the computer enters standby mode, the computer may not recognize the unit. Disconnect the unit and reconnect to the computer or reconnect the unit after the computer is restarted.
- Operation is not guaranteed when 2 or more USB devices are connected to 1 computer, or a USB hub or extension cable are used.
- Please see the Operating Instructions for the computer.

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Opening the folder of this unit using a computer

The illustrations show Windows XP (OS). The display may differ depending on the OS.

- Connect this unit to a Computer beforehand (-> page 24).
- 1. Click [start] → [My Computer]. This unit is displayed as a removable disk.

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A removable disk is an external storage device (SD memory card, USB memory etc.) connected to the computer.

The components of the computer and the external storage device illustrated here is an example.

The display may differ depending on the computer you are using.

"H" indicated in Removable Disk (H:) is not a fixed character.

2. Right-click to open the removable disk (this unit).

The folders (A to D, MUSIC) in this unit appear. (They are displayed as <u>ABCD</u> on this unit's screen.)

3. Right-click to open the folder. Recorded files in this unit appear.

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Importing the recorded files in this unit to a computer/Organizing files

Returning the files imported to the computer to this unit

beforehand (-> page 25).

Returning recorded files to this unit from the computer

- 1. Select the recorded file imported to the computer $(\rightarrow page 26)$, right-click and select [Copy].
- 2. Select the original folder in this unit, right-click and select [Paste] to return the recorded file.

Reload the files to the original folder that the files were imported from. When you reload the files to other folders, those files cannot be played on this unit. (Confirm the first character (A to D) of the file name matches the folder name (A to D).)

Do not change the file names

If you change file names, those files cannot be played on this unit. Return the file name to the original one or move the file to the MUSIC folder.

- Open the audio folder (A to D) of this unit . MP3 music files which were not recorded on
 - this unit can be played only in MUSIC folder.
 - If the file is returned to folder A to D, it cannot
 - be played on this unit. (The file number is not displayed on the screen of this unit.)
 - Up to 99 files in folder A to D respectively can
 - be played on this unit. Files over 99 cannot be
 - played on this unit.
 - If you create folders in folder A to D, and put
 - recorded files in the new folder, those files cannot be played on this unit.
 - The files that are returned to this unit are played
 - back in the order the files are received. For
 - example, even if the file is recorded first, the
 - playback order becomes 5th if the file is the 5th
 - file reloaded from the computer.

File naming rules (for recorded files on this unit) The file name consists of [Folder name (1 byte, 1 character (A to D)) + File number (1 byte, 3 characters + Recording date (1 byte, 4 numbers)]. e.g. if the file is recorded as the first file in folder A on July 20, the name is "A0010720.mp3". The second file on the same day is named as "A0020720.mp3".

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Listening to music on this unit (Transferring MP3 music files to this unit)

You can enjoy music by transferring MP3 music files stored in the computer to this unit.

Transferring MP3 music files to this unit from the computer

- Open MUSIC folder (上) of this unit beforehand (→ page 25).
- 1. Select an MP3 music file or folder which has MP3 music files in the computer, right-click and select [Copy].
- 2. Select MUSIC folder of this unit, right-click and select [Paste] to transfer to this unit.
- The files in the folder that was created into the MUSIC folder are playable. However, note that playable folders are the ones on the 1st hierarchy and 2nd hierarchy only. Folders on the 3rd hierarchy and after are not playable.
- The audio files and folders that are loaded to this unit are played back in the order the files and folders are received. But in case of the structure at right, files in M2 are played after all files in M1 are played since the loaded order of 1st hierarchy takes priority. Even if M1-2 is loaded after M2-1, the files in M1-2 are played first.
- Files just under the folder are played first; e.g., even if A.mp3 was loaded last, A.mp3 is played first.
- In the case of the structure shown at right, the order of successive playback on this unit is

 $A.mp3 \rightarrow B.mp3 \rightarrow C.mp3 \rightarrow D.mp3 \rightarrow E.mp3 \rightarrow F.mp3 \rightarrow G.mp3.$

Folder/file structure in MUSIC folder (example)

This is an example when M1 was loaded before M2 for M1 and M2, M1-1 was loaded before M1-2 for M1-1 and M1-2, C.mp3 was loaded before D.mp3 for C.mp3 and D.mp3.

P^{(P}₁^(r) (blinking) is displayed during data transmission. Never remove the USB cable while "P^{(P}₁" is blinking. File data or this unit may be destroyed.

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Listening to music on this unit (Playing MP3 music files on this unit)

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Creating MP3 music files

This unit is not equipped with the function or computer software to create MP3 file from music CD. You can create MP3 music files using separately sold computer software, etc.

Windows XP or Windows Vista users can create MP3 music files using Windows Media Player 11 (using Windows Media Player 12 for Windows 7 users).

Following is the example of operating instructions when using Windows XP and Windows Media Player 11. See [Help] section of Windows Media Player for more details. (The display and operations may differ depending on the OS.)

· Start the computer beforehand.

- 1. Select [start] [All Programs] and start [Windows Media Player] on the computer.
- 2. Select [Rip] \rightarrow [Format] \rightarrow [mp3].
- 3. Select [Rip] \rightarrow [Bit Rate] and select among [128 Kbps (Smallest Size)], [192 Kbps]. [256 Kbps] and [320 Kbps (Best Quality)]. If you select low Bit Rate for ripping, more songs will be ripped.
- 4. Select [Rip] \rightarrow [Rip CD Automatically When Inserted] and select [Never].
- 5. Set music CD into the computer.
- 6. In "\]" for the album, add the check mark as "√".
- If there are songs you do not want to rip, remove the check mark "
- VQT2M17 7. Click [Start Rip] to begin ripping.

Music files ripped (encoded) into the computer using Windows Media Player are saved in [My Music] folder of [My Document] if the destination to save has not been changed.

- Windows Media Player 9 and older versions
- cannot create MP3 music file
- Please see the homepage of the Microsoft
- company for details of download/update of
- Windows Media Plaver etc.
- http://www.microsoft.com/windows/
- windowsmedia/plaver/11/default.aspx
- If you cannot create MP3 music files successfully
- or do not know how to operate the computer,
- please consult the computer manufacturer.
- See page 28 for transferring MP3 music files to this unit and page 29 for playback.

System requirements

Computer	IBM PC/AT compatible machines		
Windows [®] 2000 Professional SP4 Windows [®] XP Home Edition/Professional and SP2, SP3 Windows Vista [®] Home Basic/Home Premium/Business/Ultimate and SP1 Windows [®] 7 Starter/Home Premium/Professional/Ultimate Pre-installed version			
Interface	USB port (Operation cannot be guaranteed if you use a USB hub or extension cable.)		
 Coperation cannot be guaranteed if you use a USB nub or extension cable.) * Even if the system requirements mentioned in this document are fulfilled, some personal computers cannot be use * Operation is not guaranteed only on compliant OSes. * Operation is not guaranteed on an upgraded OS. * Operation is not guaranteed on home-made computers. * When using Windows Media[®] Player, your computer must fulfill the system requirements of Windo Media[®] Player. Please consult Microsoft Corporation for details of Windows Media[®] Player. * Microsoft, Windows, Windows Media and Windows Vista are registered trademarks or trademarks Microsoft Corporation of the U.S. and other countries. * MPEG Layer-3 audio coding technology licensed from Fraunhofer IIS and Thomson. * IBM and PC/AT are registered trademarks of International Business Machines Corporation of the U * Other system names and product names appearing in this document are in general the registered trademarks trademarks of the respective developer companies. Note that the ™ mark and ® mark do not appear in this document * Depending on the computer environment, malfunctions may occur (e.g. Audio data recorded on this unit cannot used. etc.). Panasonic and Panasonic dealers cannot be held liable for any lost audio data or other direct or indi damage except in cases of intentional of gross negligence. * This model is not compatible with TRC/ADPCM format IC recorders made by Panasonic. Also, files recorded on this cannot be played on those IC recorders and/or cannot be read using Voice Editing software supplied with those IC recorders * You can transfer contents recorded on this unit to your PC without using the dedicated software. The computer software (Voice Editing) is not supplied with this unit. 			

Q & A (Frequently Asked Questions)

Question	Answer
Can I play files recorded on other Panasonic IC recorders?	 You can play files recorded on IC recorders using MP3 format by transferring them to MUSIC folder (page 27). But cannot play files with other formats (i.e. ADPCM and TRC formats) because the recording format is different.
Can I use audio editing software (Voice Editing) included in other Panasonic IC Recorder?	 The Voice Editing cannot be used for this product because the recording format differs from the format used for other Panasonic IC recorders. The recording format used for this product is MP3 format. This product is not compatible with the voice editing software (Voice Editing) supplied with Panasonic IC recorders using ADPCM and TRC format.
Is the security lock set on all folders if a password is set?	 When you play back on this unit, the security lock is set on folders A through D only, but not on MUSIC folder. However, password authentication is necessary when you use this unit connected to a PC with the security lock set (→ page 21).
What kind of files can be played?	 Only MP3 file can be played. WMA, AAC and other files cannot be played.
What kind of computers can be connected with this unit?	 Windows 2000 (SP4), Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 only. Please refer to "System requirements" (→ page 31).
Can I do timer recording?	No, you cannot.
Can I divide a file or delete a portion of a file?	• No, you cannot.

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Troubleshooting guide

Before requesting service, make the following checks. If you are in doubt about some of the check points, or if the remedies indicated in the chart do not solve the problem, refer to "Customer Services Directory (United States and Puerto Rico)" on page 43 if you reside in the U.S.A. or Puerto Rico, or refer to "Product information" on page 38 if you reside in Canada.

Symptom	Checkpoints	
Battery		
Cannot use a battery that can be still used on other equipment.	 This unit considers the battery as empty even if there is actually power left in it. This is to preserve the clock setting. 	
Operations		
No operation.	 Make sure the batteries are correctly inserted. You cannot operate on this unit when the unit is connected to a computer. 	
Cannot operate when "h 🛛 🔓 appears.	 The Hold function is on. Switch Hold off (→ page 6). 	
Display		
"CLOCK"," (ご⑪" blinks.	 Please set the time (→ page 7). 	
"FULL" appears.	 There are 99 files in folder A, B, C, D. There is no remaining memory (→ page 39). Delete unnecessary recording files, files and data other than MP3 files (→ pages 12, 26). 	
""ປິຽິດ _ກ ູ່ວິ" appears.	 If the batteries are extremely exhausted, "<u>U</u>5<u>b</u> n<u>c</u>" is displayed even if the unit is connected to the computer and the computer does not recognize this unit. Disconnect this unit from the computer once, replace the batteries (If batteries are not inserted, insert batteries). (→ page 5) and reconnect it. 	
"ZOOM" is not displayed on menu screen.	• "ST" has been set. When set to "MONO", "ZOOM" is displayed on menu screen (-> page 15).	
" [F]" appears.	 This appears when updating data in this unit (e.g. after disconnecting this unit from the computer, when turning the power on, etc.). 	
Normal display appears during setting operation	 When you do not operate for 60 seconds during setting operation, the setting in process is canceled and normal display appears. 	
"FRE Err" appears.	 Formatting was performed on a computer, etc., or the file system is damaged. Perform formatting on this unit (All data is erased after formatting is complete.) (

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Symptom	Checkpoints		
Display			
"ໄປໄ ໄດ້ appears.	The operation program is damaged. Consult your dealer.		
"[רר" appears.	 You tried to play an MP3 file that cannot be played on this unit, or the MP3 file is damaged. Delete the MP3 file that cannot be played. If the problem persists, the file system is damaged. Perform formatting on this unit (All data is erased after formatting is complete.) (→ page 12). 		
Record			
The memory is used completely earlier than expected. ("Fill L" is displayed earlier than expected.)	 Available recording time differs approx. 16 times, comparing Stereo/XP mode with Monaural/SLP mode (→ page 39). You can record longer if recording in Monaural/SLP mode (→ pages 14, 15). If you lower the Bit Rate for ripping music CDs, more songs will be saved (→ page 30). Is much data other than MP3 stored? Delete unnecessary data (→ page 26). 		
Recording stops halfway.	 VAS is functioning (→ page 16). 		
Howling occurs when listening to the recording in progress with earphones.	 Turn down the volume (→ page 10). Keep earphones and this unit separate. When you are using an external microphone, keep earphones and external microphone separate. 		
Recording ended halfway.	 The data may not be updated if the unit receives a shock (e.g. it is dropped), or the batteries come off during recording. 		
"" appears instead of the recording date.	 Set the time (→ page 7). 		
"ZOOM" is not displayed.	 You are using the external microphone (→ page 15). 		
Playing			
Cannot play the recorded file though it was recorded on this unit.	 The file name was changed. Only files named according to the file naming rules (page 27) can be played in folder A through D. 		
Playback speed is too fast or slow.	 You changed the playback speed (-> page 17). 		

Symptom	Checkpoints]
Playing		1
The order of playing changed after reloading files that were once imported to the computer to this unit.	• This occurs because files imported from the computer are placed at the end in the folder.	
There is no sound from the earphones or it is difficult to hear or noisy.	Ensure the plug is inserted firmly.Wipe the plug clean.	
The sound is distorted. There is a noise at the beginning of sound.	a Please lower the microphone sensitivity (→ page 14) or keep more distance from the recording sound source.	
No sound from the speaker.	eaker. • There is no sound when you have connected earphones.	
I hear noises.	• Move a mobile telephone away from this unit when you use the two in the same area.	
Recorded sounds contain noise that makes it difficult to hear sounds.	 Reduce noise (→ page 18). Noise is reduced and listening may become easier. 	
Others		
The power cannot be turned on.	• The batteries may have run out. Replace the batteries with the new ones (-> page 5).]
The power automatically turns off.	• When you do not operate for more than approx. 15 minutes, the power automatically turns off. When you slide the OPERATION/ HOLD switch to "OPEI►" side, the power is turned on (→ page 6).	
Cannot delete a file or folder.	 The file is protected (→ page 13). The folder is already empty. "⊂_" (blinking) is displayed (→ page12). 	
This unit is not recognized by a computer.	 The OS on the computer may not be compliant with this unit (→ page 31). The password has been set (→ page 21). Are the batteries in this unit? If they are not, insert batteries. 	VQT2M17
	• When the voltage of the batteries are too low, "⊔_b - ∩u" is displayed and the computer cannot recognize this unit (→ page 33).	35

Care and use

To reduce risk of radio interference caused by headphone-, earphone- or microphone cables, only use adequate accessories with a cable length of less than 3 m (9.8 ft.).

Unit

- Avoid using or placing this unit near sources of heat.
- To avoid product damage, do not expose this product to rain, water or other liquids.
- The unit's speaker does not have magnetic shielding. Do not place the unit near televisions, personal computers, magnetized cards (bank cards, commuter passes) or other devices easily influenced by a magnet.

Batteries

- Do not peel off the covering on batteries and do not use the batteries if the covering has been peeled off.
- Align the poles \oplus and \ominus correctly when inserting the batteries.
- Do not mix different types of batteries or old and new batteries.
- Remove the batteries if you do not intend to use the unit for a long time.
- Do not heat or expose to flame.
- Do not leave the batteries in an automobile exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time with doors and windows closed
- Do not attempt to recharge dry cell batteries.
- · Battery mishandling can cause electrolyte leakage which can damage items the fluid contacts and may cause a fire. If electrolyte leaks from the batteries, consult your dealer. Wash thoroughly with water if electrolyte comes in contact with any part of your body.
- Keep the AAA. LR03 batteries out of reach of children to prevent swallowing. Accidental swallowing of batteries can result in stomach and intestinal damage.
- When carrying batteries in a pocket or bag, ensure no metal objects such as necklaces are placed together with them. Contact with metal may cause short-circuiting which can cause a fire. For safety,

- Carry the batteries in the battery carrying carrying carry the batteries in the battery carrying c

Listening caution

Do not play your headphones or earphones at a high volume. Hearing experts advise against continuous extended play.

If you experience a ringing in your ears, reduce volume or discontinue use.

Do not use while operating a motorized vehicle. It may create a traffic hazard and is illegal in many areas.

You should use extreme caution or temporarily discontinue use in potentially hazardous situations.

Even if your headphones or earphones are the open-air type designed to let you hear outside sounds, don't turn up the volume so high that you can't hear what's around you.

Sound can be deceiving. Over time your hearing "comfort level" adapts to higher volumes of sound. So what sounds "normal" can actually be loud and harmful to your hearing.

Guard against this by setting your equipment at a safe level BEFORE your hearing adapts.

To establish a safe level:

- Start your volume control at a low setting.
- Slowly increase the sound until you can hear it comfortably and clearly, and without distortion.

Once you have established a comfortable sound level:

· Leave it there.

Maintenance

Clean this unit with a dry and soft cloth.

- If the unit becomes too dirty, wring a cloth moistened in water, wipe the dirt with it and clean with a dry cloth.
- Do not use solvents including benzine, thinner, alcohol, kitchen detergent, a chemical wiper, etc. This might cause the exterior case to be deformed or the coating to come off.

-If you see this symbol-

Information on Disposal in other Countries outside the European Union

This symbol is only valid in the European Union. If you wish to discard this product, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

Product Service

- 1. Damage requiring service The unit should be serviced by qualified service personnel if:
 - (a) Objects or liquids have gotten into the unit; or
 - (b) The unit has been exposed to rain; or
 - (c) The unit does not operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance; or
 - (d) The unit has been dropped or the cabinet damaged.
- **2. Servicing** Do not attempt to service the unit beyond that described in these operating instructions. Refer all other servicing to authorized servicing personnel.
- **3. Replacement parts** When parts need replacing ensure the servicer uses parts specified by the manufacturer or parts that have the same characteristics as the original parts. Unauthorized substitutes may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.
- 4. Safety check After repairs or service, ask the servicer to perform safety checks to confirm that the unit is in proper working condition.

Product information

For product information or assistance with product operation:

In the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico, refer to "Customer Services Directory (United States and Puerto Rico)" on page 43.

In Canada, contact the Panasonic Canada Inc. Customer Care Centre at 1-800-561-5505, or visit the website (www.panasonic.ca), or an authorized Servicentre closest to you.

Specifications

Power

DC 3.0 V (2 AAA LR03 batteries)		
XP: 44.1 kHz/44.1 kHz LP: 22.05 kHz/16 kHz SLP: 8 kHz/8 kHz		
MP3		
8 kbps to 320 kbps		
8 kHz to 48 kHz		
XP: 180 Hz to 15,100 Hz		
LP: 180 Hz to 6,700 Hz		
SLP: 180 Hz to 2,900 Hz		
40.5 dB (XP) Filter (JIS A)		
USB2.0 (Hi-Speed) DC 5 V / 150 mA		
ø 3.5 mm (1/8"), 16 Ω, Max. 3 mW		
ø 20 mm (25/32"), 8 Ω, Max. 330 mW		
ø 3.5 mm (1/8");		
0.80 mV plug in power		
RR-US591 RR-US571 RR-US551 4 GB*1 2 GB*1 1 GB*1		
0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)		
20% to 80% (non-condensing)		

*1 GB means one billion bytes. Usable capacity will be less.

Battery life (may be less depending on the operating conditions.)

Battery (AAA LR03)	Recording mode		Rec*3	Play*4
Alkaline battery* ²	Stereo	XP	approx. 23 h.	approx. 35 h.
		LP	approx. 29 h.	approx. 35 h.
		SLP	approx. 32 h.	approx. 35 h.
	Monaural	XP	approx. 32 h.	approx. 35 h.
		LP	approx. 42 h.	approx. 35 h.
		SLP	approx. 45 h.	approx. 35 h.

*2 Using Panasonic Alkaline batteries.

*3 When zoom microphone is off.

*4 When audio is output from speaker (Volume: 13, EQ: off, Playback speed control : 100%).

Standard recordable time

Recording mode		RR-US591	RR-US571	RR-US551	Bit rate
	XP	68 h. 30 min.	34 h. 00 min.	16 h. 30 min.	128 kbps
Stereo	LP	137 h. 00 min.	68 h. 00 min.	33 h. 10 min.	64 kbps
	SLP	548 h. 20 min.	272 h. 10 min.	133 h. 10 min.	16 kbps
	XP	137 h. 00 min.	68 h. 00 min.	33 h. 10 min.	64 kbps
Monaural	LP	274 h. 10 min.	136 h. 00 min.	66 h 30 min.	32 kbps
	SLP	1096 h. 50 min.	544 h. 20 min.	266 h. 30 min.	8 kbps

Max. Dimensions (W × H × D) 40.4 mm × 110.6 mm × 16.8 mm (1-19/32" × 4-11/32" × 21/32") Cabinet dimensions (W × H × D) 39.0 mm × 110.6 mm × 15.1 mm (1-17/32" × 4-11/32" × 19/32") Mass (Weight) Approx. 65 g (2.30 oz.) with battery Approx. 43 g (1.52 oz.) without battery

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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Limited Warranty (ONLY FOR CANADA)

Panasonic Canada Inc.

5770 Ambler Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2T3

PANASONIC PRODUCT - LIMITED WARRANTY

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Panasonic Canada Inc. warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship and agrees to replace the product for a period as stated below from the date of original purchase.

Panasonic Portable / Clock Radio (without Tape, CD, MD)	One (1) year
Panasonic Audio Product	One (1) year
Panasonic DVD Product	One (1) year
Accessories including rechargeable batteries	Ninety (90) days

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

This warranty does not apply to products purchased outside Canada or to any product which has been improperly installed, subjected to usage for which the product was not designed, misused or abused, damaged during shipping, or which has been altered or repaired in any way that affects the reliability or detracts from the performance, nor does it cover any product which is used commercially. Dry cell batteries are also excluded from coverage under this warranty.

This warranty is extended to the original end user purchaser only. A purchase receipt or other proof of date of original purchase is required before warranty service is performed.

THIS EXPRESS, LIMITED WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

IN NO EVENT WILL PANASONIC CANADA INC. BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

In certain instances, some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or the exclusion of implied warranties, so the above limitations and exclusions may not be applicable.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For product information and operation assistance, please contact:

Our Customer Care Centre:

 Telephone #:
 (905) 624-5505

 1-800 #:
 1-800-561-5505

 Fax #:
 (905) 238-2360

 Email link:
 "customer support" on www.panasonic.ca

For defective product exchange within the warranty period, please contact the original dealer or our Customer Care Centre.

User memo:

DATE OF PURCHASE ____ DEALER NAME _____ DEALER ADDRESS ____

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Product Identification Marking is located on the bottom of unit.

Limited Warranty (ONLY FOR U.S.A. AND PUERTO RICO)

Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company, Division of Panasonic Corporation of North America One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

Panasonic Portable Audio Products Limited Warranty

Limited Warranty Coverage (For USA and Puerto Rico Only)

If your product does not work properly because of a defect in materials or workmanship, Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company (referred to as "the warrantor") will, for the length of the period indicated on the chart below, which starts with the date of original purchase ("warranty period"), at its option either (a) repair your product with new or refurbished parts, (b) replace it with a new or a refurbished equivalent value product, or (c) refund your purchase price. The decision to repair, replace or refund will be made by the warrantor.

Product or Part Name	Parts	Labor
All Portable Audio Products except items listed below	1 Year	1 Year
Multimedia & Compact Audio System	1 Year	1 Year
Rechargeable batteries (in exchange for defective item)	10 Days	Not Applicable
SD Memory Card (in exchange for defective item)	90 Days	Not Applicable

During the "Labor" warranty period there will be no charge for labor. During the "Parts" warranty period, there will be no charge for parts. This Limited Warranty excludes both parts and labor for

pon-rechargeable batteries, antennas, and cosmetic parts (cabinet).

This warranty only applies to products purchased and serviced in the United States or Puerto Rico. This warranty is extended only to the

j original purchaser of a new product which was not sold "as is".

Mail-In Service

For assistance in the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico in obtaining repairs, please ship the product prepaid to:

Panasonic Exchange Center 4900 George McVay Drive Suite B McAllen, TX 78503

panacare@us.panasonic.com

When shipping the unit, carefully pack, include all accessories, and send it prepaid, adequately insured and preferably in the original carton. If Lithium Ion batteries are shipped by air the package must be labeled "Contains Lithium Ion Battery (No lithium metal)". Damaged batteries are prohibited from shipment by US Mail. Batteries must be securely packed in a manner to prevent short-circuiting and a package cannot contain more than 3 Lithium Ion batteries. Include a letter detailing the complaint, a return address and provide a daytime phone number where you can be reached. A valid registered receipt is required under the Limited Warranty.

IF REPAIR IS NEEDED DURING THE WARRANTY PERIOD, THE PURCHASER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH A SALES RECEIPT/ROOF OF PURCHASE INDICATING DATE OF PURCHASE, AMOUNT PAID AND PLACE OF PURCHASE. CUSTOMER WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE REPAIR OF ANY UNIT RECEIVED WITHOUT SUCH PROOF OF PURCHASE.

Limited Warranty Limits And Exclusions

This warranty ONLY COVERS failures due to defects in materials or workmanship, and DOES NOT COVER normal wear and tear or cosmetic damage. The warranty ALSO DOES NOT COVER damages which occurred in shipment, or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which result from accidents, misuse, abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication,

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alteration, faulty installation, set-up adjustments, misadjustment of consumer controls, improper maintenance, power line surge, lightning damage, modification, introduction of sand, humidity or liquids, commercial use such as hotel, office, restaurant, or other business or rental use of the product, or service by anyone other than a Factory Service Center or other Authorized Servicer, or damage that is attributable to acts of God.

THERE ARE NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES EXCEPT AS LISTED UNDER "LIMITED WARRANTY COVERAGE".

THE WARRANTOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY.

(As examples, this excludes damages for lost time, travel to and from the servicer, loss of or damage to media or images, data or other memory or recorded content. The items listed are not exclusive, but for illustration only.)

ALL EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, ARE LIMITED TO THE PERIOD OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. If a problem with this product develops during or after the warranty period, you may contact your dealer or Service Center. If the problem is not handled to your satisfaction, then write to the warrantor's Consumer Affairs Department at the addresses listed for the warrantor.

PARTS AND SERVICE, WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Customer Services Directory (United States and Puerto Rico)

Obtain Product Information and Operating Assistance; locate your nearest Dealer or Service Center; purchase Parts and Accessories; or make Customer Service and Literature requests by visiting our Web Site at:

http://www.panasonic.com/help

or, contact us via the web at:

http://www.panasonic.com/contactinfo

You may also contact us directly at:

1-800-211-PANA (7262)

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday 10am-7pm EST

For hearing or speech impaired TTY users, TTY: 1-877-833-8855

Accessory Purchases (United States and Puerto Rico)

Purchase Parts, Accessories and Instruction Books online for all Panasonic Products by visiting our Web Site at: http://www.pstc.panasonic.com Or, send your request by E-mail to: <u>npcparts@us.panasonic.com</u> You may also contact us directly at: 1-800-332-5368 (Phone) 1-800-237-9080 (Fax Only) (Monday-Friday 9am-9pm EST) Panasonic Service and Technology Company 20421 84th Avenue South, Kent, WA 98032 (We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, and Personal Checks)

For hearing or speech impaired TTY users, TTY: 1-866-605-1277

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THE FOLLOWING APPLIES ONLY IN THE U.S.A.

FCC Note:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- · Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- FCC Caution: To assure continued compliance, follow the attached installation instructions and use only shielded interface cables with ferrite core when connecting to computer or peripheral devices.

Any changes or modifica the party responsible for authority to operate this Declaration of Conformit Trade Name:	tions not expressly approved by compliance could void the user's equipment. y	
Model no	BR-US591/BR-US571/	
	RR-US551	
Responsible party:	Panasonic Corporation of North America	
	One Panasonic Way, Secaucus,	
Support Contact:	Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company 1-800-211-PANA (7262)	
This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.		

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES ONLY IN CANADA.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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