

SONY®

Cyber-shot

Digital Still Camera

Instruction Manual

DSC-S950/S980

GB



For details on advanced operations, please read **“Cyber-shot Handbook”** (PDF) and **“Cyber-shot Step-up Guide”** on the CD-ROM (supplied) using a computer.

Operating Instructions

Before operating the unit, please read this manual thoroughly, and retain it for future reference.

Owner's Record

The model and serial numbers are located on the bottom. Record the serial number in the space provided below. Refer to these numbers whenever you call upon your Sony dealer regarding this product.

Model No. DSC-S950/S980

Serial No. _____

WARNING

To reduce fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**-SAVE THESE
INSTRUCTIONS**

DANGER

**TO REDUCE THE RISK OF
FIRE OR ELECTRIC
SHOCK, CAREFULLY
FOLLOW THESE
INSTRUCTIONS**

If the shape of the plug does not fit the power outlet, use an attachment plug adaptor of the proper configuration for the power outlet.

CAUTION

Battery pack

If the battery pack is mishandled, the battery pack can burst, cause a fire or even chemical burns. Observe the following cautions.

- Do not disassemble.
- Do not crush and do not expose the battery pack to any shock or force such as hammering, dropping or stepping on it.
- Do not short circuit and do not allow metal objects to come into contact with the battery terminals.
- Do not expose to high temperature above 60°C (140°F) such as in direct sunlight or in a car parked in the sun.
- Do not incinerate or dispose of in fire.
- Do not handle damaged or leaking lithium ion batteries.
- Be sure to charge the battery pack using a genuine Sony battery charger or a device that can charge the battery pack.
- Keep the battery pack out of the reach of small children.
- Keep the battery pack dry.
- Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by Sony.
- Dispose of used battery packs promptly as described in the instructions.

Battery charger

Even if the CHARGE lamp is not lit, the battery charger is not disconnected from the AC power source (mains) as long as it is connected to the wall outlet (wall socket). If some trouble occurs while using the battery charger, immediately shut off the power by disconnecting the plug from the wall outlet (wall socket).

For Customers in the U.S.A. and Canada

RECYCLING LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

Lithium-Ion batteries are recyclable.

You can help preserve our environment by returning your used rechargeable batteries to the collection and recycling location nearest you.



For more information regarding recycling of rechargeable batteries, call toll free 1-800-822-8837, or visit <http://www.rbrcc.org/>

Caution: Do not handle damaged or leaking Lithium-Ion batteries.

Battery pack

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.

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

For Customers in the U.S.A.

If you have any questions about this product, you may call:

Sony Customer Information Center
1-800-222-SONY (7669)

The number below is for the FCC related matters only.

Regulatory Information

Declaration of Conformity

Trade Name: SONY
Model No.: DSC-S980
Responsible Party: Sony Electronics Inc.
Address: 16530 Via Esprillo,
San Diego, CA 92127U.S.A.
Telephone No.: 858-942-2230

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.

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CAUTION

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

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.

The supplied interface cable must be used with the equipment in order to comply with the limits for a digital device pursuant to Subpart B of Part 15 of FCC Rules.

For the State of California, USA only

Perchlorate Material - special handling may apply, See

www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate

Perchlorate Material: Lithium battery contains perchlorate.

For Customers in Europe

This product has been tested and found compliant with the limits set out in the EMC Directive for using connection cables shorter than 3 meters (9.8 feet).

Attention

The electromagnetic fields at the specific frequencies may influence the picture and sound of this unit.

Notice

If static electricity or electromagnetism causes data transfer to discontinue midway (fail), restart the application or disconnect and connect the communication cable (USB, etc.) again.

Disposal of Old Electrical & Electronic Equipment (Applicable in the European Union and other European countries with separate collection systems)



This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product shall not be treated as household waste. Instead it shall be handed over to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment. By ensuring this product is disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potential negative consequences for the environment and human health, which could otherwise be caused by inappropriate waste handling of this product. The recycling of materials will help to conserve natural resources. For more detailed information about recycling of this product, please contact your local Civic Office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.

Disposal of waste batteries (applicable in the European Union and other European countries with separate collection systems)



This symbol on the battery or on the packaging indicates that the battery provided with this product shall not be treated as household waste.

By ensuring these batteries are disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potentially negative consequences for the environment and human health which could otherwise be caused by inappropriate waste handling of the battery. The recycling of the materials will help to conserve natural resources.

In case of products that for safety, performance or data integrity reasons require a permanent connection with an incorporated battery, this battery should be replaced by qualified service staff only.

To ensure that the battery will be treated properly, hand over the product at end-of-life to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment.

For all other batteries, please view the section on how to remove the battery from the product safely. Hand the battery over to the applicable collection point for the recycling of waste batteries.

For more detailed information about recycling of this product or battery, please contact your local Civic Office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.

Notice for the customers in the countries applying EU Directives

The manufacturer of this product is Sony Corporation, 1-7-1 Konan Minato-ku Tokyo, 108-0075 Japan. The Authorized Representative for EMC and product safety is Sony Deutschland GmbH, Hedelfinger Strasse 61, 70327 Stuttgart, Germany. For any service or guarantee matters please refer to the addresses given in separate service or guarantee documents.

Notice for customers in the United Kingdom

A moulded plug complying with BS 1363 is fitted to this equipment for your safety and convenience.

Should the fuse in the plug supplied need to be replaced, a fuse of the same rating as the supplied one and approved by ASTA or BSI to BS 1362, (i.e., marked with an  or  mark) must be used.

If the plug supplied with this equipment has a detachable fuse cover, be sure to attach the fuse cover after you change the fuse. Never use the plug without the fuse cover. If you should lose the fuse cover, please contact your nearest Sony service station.

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Notes on using your camera

Internal memory and “Memory Stick Duo” media back up

Do not turn off the camera, remove the battery pack, or remove the “Memory Stick Duo” media while the access lamp is lit. Otherwise, the internal memory data or “Memory Stick Duo” media may be damaged. Be sure to make a backup copy to protect your data.

Notes on recording/playback

- Before you start recording, make a trial recording to make sure that the camera is working correctly.
- The camera is neither dust-proof, nor splash-proof, nor water-proof. Read “Precautions” (page 32) before operating the camera.
- Avoid exposing the camera to water. If water enters inside the camera, a malfunction may occur. In some cases, the camera cannot be repaired.
- Do not aim the camera at the sun or other bright light. It may cause the malfunction of the camera.
- Do not use the camera near a location that generates strong radio waves or emits radiation. Otherwise, the camera may not properly record or play back images.
- Using the camera in sandy or dusty locations may cause malfunctions.
- If moisture condensation occurs, remove it before using the camera (page 32).
- Do not shake or strike the camera. It may cause a malfunction and you may not be able to record images. Furthermore, the recording media may become unusable or image data may be damaged.
- Clean the flash surface before use. The heat of flash emission may cause dirt on the flash surface to become discolored or to stick to the flash surface, resulting in insufficient light emission.

Notes on the LCD screen and lens

- The LCD screen is manufactured using extremely high-precision technology, so over 99.99% of the pixels are operational for effective use. However, some tiny black and/or bright dots (white, red, blue or green) may appear on the LCD screen. These dots are a normal result of the manufacturing process, and do not affect the recording.
- When the battery level becomes low, the lens might stop moving. Insert a charged battery pack and turn on the camera again.

On image data compatibility

- The camera conforms with DCF (Design rule for Camera File system) universal standard established by JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association).
- Sony does not guarantee that the camera will play back images recorded or edited with other equipment, or that other equipment will play back images recorded with the camera.

On the overheat protection

The power may go off automatically to protect the camera depending on the temperature of the unit or the battery pack. In this case, the message appears on the screen before the power goes off.

Warning on copyright

Television programs, films, videotapes, and other materials may be copyrighted. Unauthorized recording of such materials may be contrary to the provisions of the copyright laws.

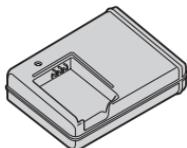
No compensation for damaged content or recording failure

Sony cannot compensate for failure to record or loss or damage of recorded content due to a malfunction of the camera or recording media, etc.

Getting started

Checking the accessories supplied

- Battery charger BC-CSK/BC-CSKA (1)



- Power cord (mains lead) (1)
(not supplied in the USA and Canada)



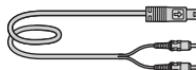
- Rechargeable battery pack NP-BK1 (1)



- Dedicated USB cable (1)



- Dedicated A/V cable (1)

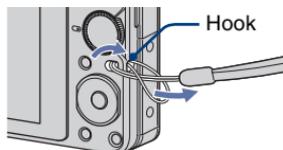


- Wrist strap (1)



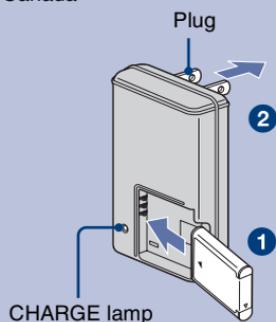
- CD-ROM (1)
 - Cyber-shot application software
 - “Cyber-shot Handbook”
 - “Cyber-shot Step-up Guide”
- Instruction Manual (this manual) (1)

Attach the strap to prevent the camera from damage by being dropped.

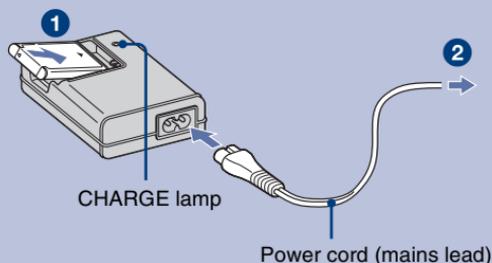


1 Preparing the battery pack

For customers in the USA and Canada



For customers other than those in the USA and Canada



1 Insert the battery pack into the battery charger.

- Insert the battery pack as far as it will go, then press the back of the battery pack gently until it clicks.

2 Connect the battery charger to the wall outlet (wall socket).

The CHARGE lamp lights up, and charging starts.

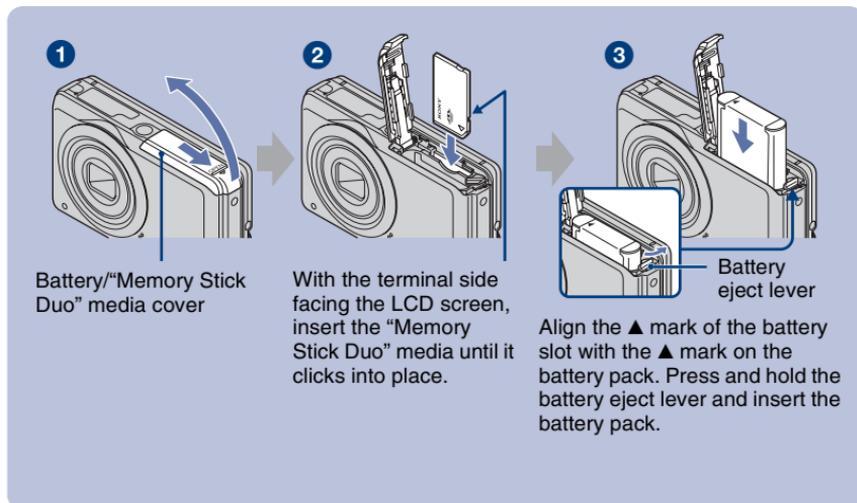
When the CHARGE lamp turns off, charging is finished (Normal charge). Also, the CHARGE lamp may turn off when the temperature is outside of the recommended operating temperature (10 to 30°C), as the charger is on standby.

Charging time

Full charge	Normal charge
Approx. 300 min.	Approx. 240 min.

- The table above shows the time required to charge a fully depleted battery pack at a temperature of 25°C (77°F). Charging may take longer depending on conditions of use and circumstances.
- See page 27 for the number of images that can be recorded.
- Connect the battery charger to the nearest wall outlet (wall socket).
- When charging is finished, disconnect the power cord (mains lead) from the wall outlet (wall socket), and remove the battery pack from the battery charger.
- Be sure to use the battery pack or the battery charger of the genuine Sony brand.

2 Inserting the battery pack/“Memory Stick Duo” media (sold separately)



1 Open the battery/“Memory Stick Duo” media cover.

2 Insert the “Memory Stick Duo” media (sold separately).

3 Insert the battery pack.

4 Close the battery/“Memory Stick Duo” media cover.

When there is no “Memory Stick Duo” media inserted

The camera records/plays back images using the internal memory (approx. 12 MB).

To check the remaining battery charge

Press the ON/OFF (power) button to turn on and check the remaining battery charge on the LCD screen.

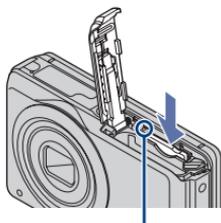
Remaining charge indicator					
Status	Sufficient power remaining	Battery almost fully charged	Battery half full	Battery low, recording/playback will stop soon.	Change the battery to a fully charged one, or charge the battery. (The warning indicator flashes.)

- It takes about one minute until the correct remaining charge indicator appears.
- The remaining charge indicator may not be correct depending on conditions of use and circumstances.
- The Clock Set screen appears when you turn on the camera for the first time (page 13).

To remove the battery pack/“Memory Stick Duo” media

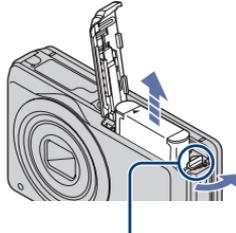
Open the battery/“Memory Stick Duo” media cover.

“Memory Stick Duo” media



Make sure that **the access lamp** is not lit, then push the “Memory Stick Duo” media in once.

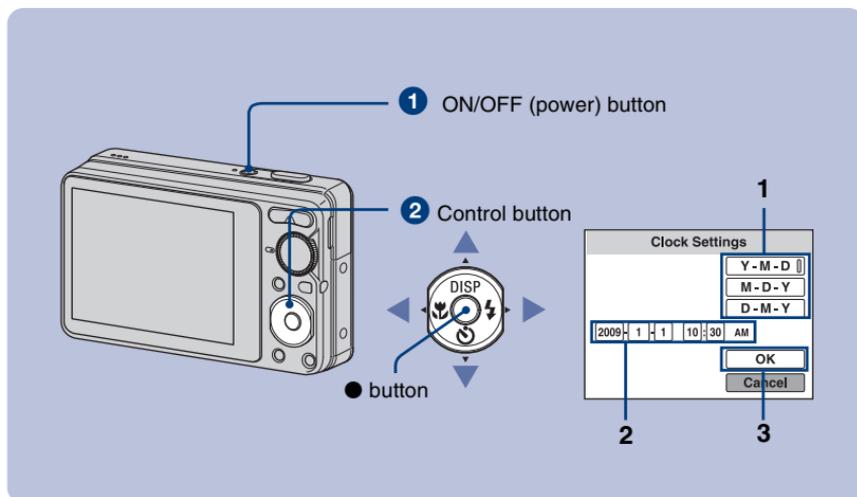
Battery pack



Slide **the battery eject lever**. Be sure not to drop the battery pack.

- Never remove the battery pack/“Memory Stick Duo” media when the access lamp is lit. This may cause damage to data in the “Memory Stick Duo” media/internal memory.

3 Turning the camera on/setting the clock



1 Press the ON/OFF (power) button.

2 Set the clock with the control button.

- 1 Select the date display format with ▲/▼, then press ●.
- 2 Select each item with ◀/▶ and set the numeric value with ▲/▼, then press ●.
- 3 Select [OK], then press ●.

- The camera does not have a feature for superimposing dates on images. By using "PMB" in the CD-ROM (supplied), you can print or save images with the date.
- Midnight is indicated as 12:00 AM, and noon as 12:00 PM.

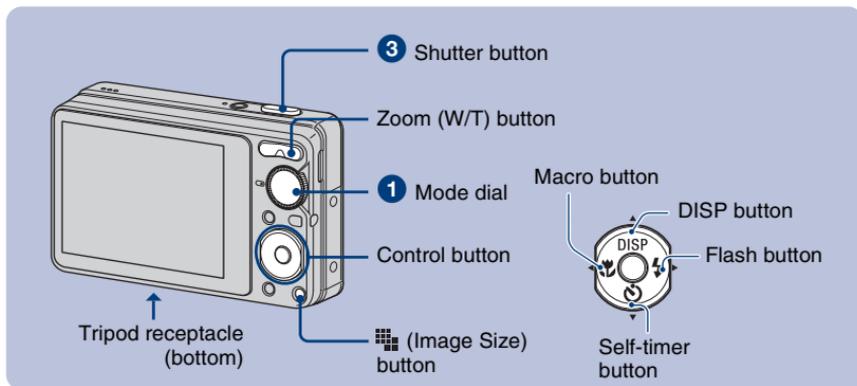
To change the date and time

Select [Clock Settings] in the  (Setup) screen (page 21).

Notes on when the power is turned on

- Once the battery pack is inserted in the camera, it may take time before operation becomes possible.
- If the camera is running on battery power and you do not operate the camera for about three minutes, the camera turns off automatically to prevent wearing down the battery pack (Auto power-off function).

Shooting images easily



1 Select a mode with the mode dial.

Still image (auto adjustment mode): Select .

Movie: Select .

2 Hold the camera steady, keeping your arms at your side.



Position the subject in the center of the focus frame.

3 Shoot with the shutter button.

Still image:

1 Press and hold the shutter button halfway down to focus.

The ● (AE/AF lock) indicator (green) flashes, a beep sounds, the indicator stops flashing and remains lit.

2 Press the shutter button fully down.
The shutter sounds.



AE/AF lock indicator

Movie:

Press the shutter button fully down.

To stop recording, press the shutter button fully down again.

- The shortest shooting distance is approximately 5 cm (2 inches) (W)/50 cm (1 feet 7 3/4 inches) (T) (from the front of the lens).

Mode dial/Zoom/Flash/Macro/Self-timer/Display/Image size

Using the mode dial

Set the mode dial to the desired function.

Auto Adjustment

Allows easy shooting with the settings adjusted automatically.

EASY Easy Shooting

Allows easy shooting with easy-to-see indicators.

P Program Auto

Allows you to shoot with the exposure adjusted automatically (both the shutter speed and the aperture value). You can adjust other settings using the menu.

Movie

Allows you to record movies.

SCN *Scene Selection

Selects a setting from the Scene Selection menu.

High Sensitivity

Shoots images without a flash even in low lighting.

* Scene Selection

Press the MENU button and select a setting.

Soft Snap

Shoots a person's skin with a warmer look.

Landscape

Shoots with the focus on a distant subject.

Twilight Portrait

Shoots sharp images of people in a dark place without losing the nighttime atmosphere.

Twilight

Shoots night scenes without losing the nighttime atmosphere.

Beach

Shoots seaside or lakeside scenes with the blueness of the water captured more vividly.

Snow

Shoots snow scenes in white more clearly.

W/T Using the zoom

Press T to zoom, press W to undo zoom.

Flash (Selecting a flash mode for still images)

Press  on the control button repeatedly until the desired mode is selected.

 AUTO: Flash Auto

Strobes when there is insufficient light (default setting).

 : Flash forced on

 SL: Slow synchro (Flash forced on)

The shutter speed is slow in a dark place to clearly shoot the background that is out of flash light.

 : Flash forced off

Macro (Shooting close-up)

Press  on the control button repeatedly until the desired mode is selected.

 AUTO: Auto

The camera adjusts the focus automatically from distant subjects to close-up. Normally, put the camera in this mode.

 : Macro

The camera adjusts the focus with priority on close-up subjects. Set Macro On when shooting close subjects.

Using the self-timer

Press \blacktriangledown (Self-Timer) on the control button repeatedly until the desired mode is selected.

OFF: Not using the self-timer

10: Setting the 10-second delay self-timer

2: Setting the 2-second delay self-timer

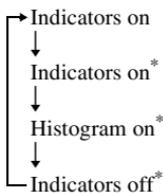
When you press the shutter button, the self-timer lamp flashes and a beep sounds until the shutter operates.



DISP Changing the screen display

Press \blacktriangle (DISP) on the control button.

Each time you press \blacktriangle (DISP), the display changes as follows:



*The brightness of the LCD Backlight up

To change the still image size

Press Image Size (Image Size), then press $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown$ to select the size.

To turn off the Image Size menu, press Image Size again.

For still images (DSC-S980)

Image size	Guidelines
12M : 12M	Up to A3+/13×19" print
3:2 : 3:2 (11M)	Match 3:2 Aspect Ratio
8M : 8M	Up to A3/11×17" print
5M : 5M	Up to A4/8×10" print
3M : 3M	Up to 13×18cm/5×7" print
VGA: VGA	For E-mail
16:9 : 16:9 (9M)	Display On 16:9 HDTV and up to A4/8×10" print
16:9 : 16:9 (2M)	Display On 16:9 HDTV

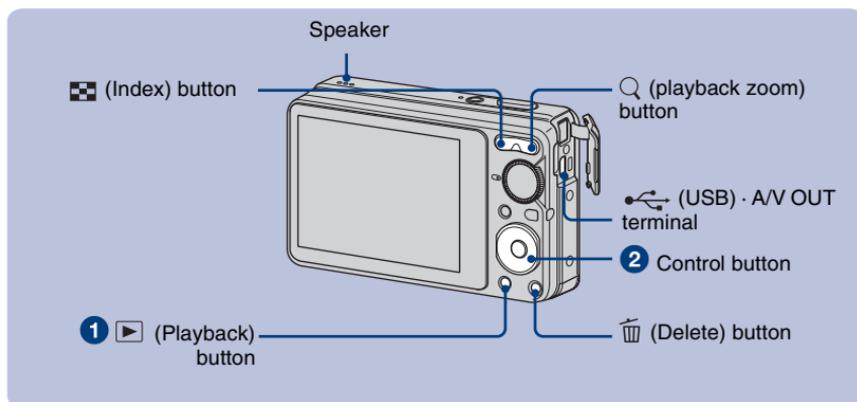
For still images (DSC-S950)

Image size	Guidelines
10M : 10M	Up to A3+/13×19" print
3:2 : 3:2 (8M)	Match 3:2 Aspect Ratio
5M : 5M	Up to A4/8×10" print
3M : 3M	Up to 13×18cm/5×7" print
VGA: VGA	For E-mail
16:9 : 16:9 (7M)	Display On 16:9 HDTV and up to A4/8×10" print
16:9 : 16:9 (2M)	Display On 16:9 HDTV

For movie

The image size of a movie is fixed to 320×240.

Viewing/deleting images



1 Press the (Playback) button.

If you press the  button when the camera is powered off, the camera is turned on automatically and set to playback mode. To switch to the shooting mode, press the  button again.

2 Select an image with on the control button.

Movie:

Press  to play back a movie. (Press  again to stop playback.)

Press  to fast forward,  to rewind. (Press  to return to normal playback.)

Press  to display the volume control screen, then press  to adjust the volume.

To delete images

1 Display the image you want to delete and press the  (Delete) button.

2 Select [This Image] with , then press .

3 Select [OK] with , then press .

To view an enlarged image (playback zoom)

Press  (T) while displaying a still image.

To undo the zoom, press W.

Adjust the position with ///.

To cancel the playback zoom, press .

To view an index screen

Press  (Index) and select an image with ///.

To return to the single image screen, press .

To delete images in index mode

1 While an index screen is displayed, press the  (Delete) button and select [Multiple Images] with /  on the control button, then press .

2 Select the image you want to delete with / / / , then press .

The  mark is checked in the checkbox of the image.

To cancel a selection, select an image you have selected for deletion, then press  again.

3 Press the MENU button.

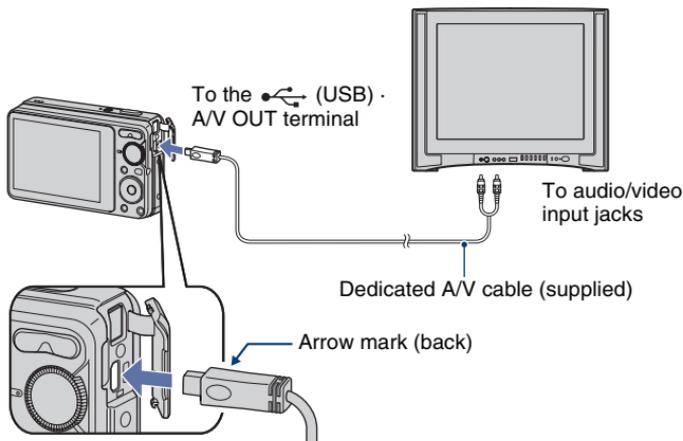
4 Select [OK] with , then press .

• To delete all the images of a folder, select [All In This Folder] in step 1, then press .

To view images on TV

Connect the camera to the TV with the dedicated A/V cable (supplied).

• Align the arrow mark on the dedicated A/V cable connector with the  mark beside the A/V OUT terminal and connect the cable to the camera.



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	AE/AF lock
REC Standby	Recording a movie/Standby a movie
ISO400	ISO number
125	Shutter speed
F3.5	Aperture value
+2.0EV	Exposure Value
0:12	Recording time (minutes : seconds)
	AF range finder frame indicator
1.0m	Focus preset distance
	Macro
00:00:12	Counter
101-0012	Folder-file number
2009 1 1 9:30 AM	Recorded date/time of the playback image
STOP	Function guide for playing image
PLAY	Function guide for playing image
BACK/NEXT	Selecting images
VOLUME	Adjusting volume

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	Recording folder • This does not appear when using internal memory.
12	Number of recordable images
	Recording Media/Playback Media ("Memory Stick Duo" media, Internal memory)
00:00:15	Recordable time (hours : minutes : seconds)
	Red-eye reduction
	Flash mode
	Flash charging

	Playback folder • This does not appear when using internal memory.
12/12	Image number/Number of images recorded in selected folder
	Changing folder • This does not appear when using internal memory.
	Metering mode
	Flash
	White balance
ISO400	ISO number
+2.0EV	Exposure Value
500	Shutter speed
F3.5	Aperture value

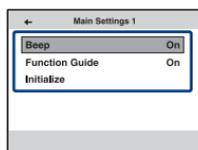
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	Self-timer
	Spot metering cross hair
	AF range finder frame
	Playback
	Playback bar
	Histogram

To select a Setup item

Select  (Setup) in step 2 and then press .

Select the item to set with , then press .



Menu items

The available menu items vary depending on the mode setting (shooting/viewing), and the mode dial position in the shooting mode. Only the available items are displayed on the screen.

Shooting menu

Scene Selection	Selects the settings pre-adjusted to match various scene conditions.
Image Size	Selects the image size in Easy Shooting mode.
Flash	Selects the flash setting in Easy Shooting mode.
SteadyShot	Selects the anti-blur mode.
Face Detection	Selects the priority subject for adjusting the focus when using face detection.
REC Mode	Selects the continuous shooting method.
EV	Adjusts Exposure.
ISO	Selects a luminous sensitivity.
Metering Mode	Selects the metering mode.
Focus	Changes the focus method.
White Balance	Adjusts the color tones.
Flash Level	Adjusts the amount of flash light.
Red Eye Reduction	Sets to reduce the red-eye phenomenon.
Color Mode	Changes the vividness of the image or adds special effects.
 (Setup)	Changes Setup items.

Viewing menu

 (Slideshow)	Sets and performs the Slideshow (playback of a series of images).
 (Retouch)	Retouches still images.
 (Multi-Purpose Resize)	Changes the image size according to usage.
 (Protect)	Prevents accidental erasure.
DPOF	Adds a Print order mark on image that you want to print out.
 (Print)	Prints images using a PictBridge compliant printer.
 (Rotate)	Rotates a still image.
 (Select Folder)	Selects the folder for viewing images.
 (Setup)	Changes Setup items.

Setup items

Main Settings — Main Settings 1

Beep	Selects the sound produced when you operate the camera.
Function Guide	Displays the description of functions when you operate the camera.
Initialize	Initializes the setting to the default setting.

Main Settings — Main Settings 2

USB Connect	Selects the USB mode to be used when connecting the camera to a computer or a PictBridge compliant printer using the dedicated USB cable.
Video Out	Sets the video signal output according to the TV color system of the connected video equipment.

Shooting Settings

Grid Line	Displays lines to easily set a subject in a horizontal or vertical position.
Digital Zoom	Selects the digital zoom mode.
Auto Review	Displays the recorded image on the screen for approximately two seconds immediately after shooting a still image.

Memory Tool — Memory Stick Tool

Format	Formats the "Memory Stick Duo" media.
Create REC.Folder	Creates a folder in "Memory Stick Duo" media for recording images.
Change REC.Folder	Changes the folder currently used for recording images.
Copy	Copies all images in the internal memory to "Memory Stick Duo" media.

Memory Tool — Internal Memory Tool

Format	Formats the internal memory.
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Clock Settings

Clock Settings	Sets the date and time.
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Language Setting

Language Setting	Selects the language to be used in the menu items, warnings, and messages.
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Enjoying your computer

You can view images shot with the camera on a computer. By using the software in the CD-ROM (supplied), you can enjoy still images and movies from the camera more than ever. For details, refer to “Cyber-shot Handbook” in the CD-ROM (supplied).

Supported Operating Systems for USB connection and application software (supplied)

	For Windows users	For Macintosh users
USB connection	Windows 2000 Professional SP4, Windows XP ^{*1} SP3, Windows Vista ^{*2} SP1	Mac OS 9.1/9.2/ Mac OS X (v10.1 to v10.5)
Application software “PMB (Picture Motion Browser)”	Windows XP ^{*1} SP3, Windows Vista ^{*2} SP1	not compatible

^{*1} 64-bit editions are not supported.

^{*2} Starter (Edition) is not supported.

- Your computer must be pre-installed with an OS listed above. OS upgrades are not supported.
- If your OS does not support USB connections, copy images by inserting the “Memory Stick Duo” media into the “Memory Stick” media slot on your computer, or use a commercially available “Memory Stick” media Reader/Writer.
- For further details on the operating environment of “PMB” Cyber-shot application software, refer to “Cyber-shot Handbook”.



Viewing “Cyber-shot Handbook”

“Cyber-shot Handbook” in the CD-ROM (supplied) explains how to use the camera in detail. Adobe Reader is required to view it.

For Windows users

- 1 Turn on your computer, and insert the CD-ROM (supplied) into the CD-ROM drive. The installation menu screen appears. When you click the [Cyber-shot Handbook] button, the screen for copying “Cyber-shot Handbook” appears.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions to copy.
 - When you install “Cyber-shot Handbook”, the “Cyber-shot Step-up Guide” will be installed automatically.
- 3 After the installation is complete, double-click the shortcut created on the desktop.

For Macintosh users

- 1 Turn on your computer, and insert the CD-ROM (supplied) into the CD-ROM drive.
- 2 Select the [Handbook] folder and copy “Handbook.pdf” stored in the [GB] folder to your computer.
- 3 After copying is complete, double-click “Handbook.pdf”.

Battery life and memory capacity

Battery life and number of images you can record/view

The numbers shown in the following tables assume a fully charged battery pack (supplied) is used at an ambient temperature of 25°C (77°F). The numbers shown for images you can record/view are approximations and allow for changing of the “Memory Stick Duo” media as necessary.

Note that the actual numbers may be less than those indicated in the table depending on the conditions of use.

When shooting still images

Battery life (min.)	No. of images
DSC-S950	
Approx. 165	Approx. 330
DSC-S980	
Approx. 155	Approx. 310

- The measurement method is based on the CIPA standard.
(CIPA: Camera & Imaging Products Association)
- The battery life and the number of images do not change, regardless of image size.

When viewing still images

Battery life (min.)	No. of images
DSC-S950	
Approx. 240	Approx. 4800
DSC-S980	
Approx. 240	Approx. 4800

- Viewing single images in order at about three second intervals

Notes on the battery pack

- Battery capacity decreases over time and through repeated use.
- The battery life and the number of still images may vary depending on the camera settings.

Number of still images and recordable time of movies

The number of still images and the length of time for movies may vary depending on the shooting conditions and the recording mediums.

- Even if the capacity of your recording media is the same as the one in the table below, the number of still images and the length of time for movies may be different.
- For details on the image size, see page 16.

The approximate recordable number of still images

DSC-S980

(Units: Images)

Capacity Size	Internal memory	"Memory Stick Duo" media formatted with this camera						
	Approx. 12MB	256MB	512MB	1GB	2GB	4GB	8GB	16GB
12M	2	49	93	197	395	790	1600	3200
3:2 (11M)	2	49	93	197	395	790	1600	3200
8M	3	72	140	288	580	1170	2350	4700
5M	4	90	170	350	710	1420	2900	5850
3M	7	148	293	600	1200	2400	4850	9800
VGA	60	1200	2360	4800	9650	19300	38600	77200
16:9 (9M)	3	66	130	262	533	1060	2150	4300
16:9 (2M)	11	230	450	900	1800	3700	7500	15000

DSC-S950

(Units: Images)

Capacity Size	Internal memory	"Memory Stick Duo" media formatted with this camera						
	Approx. 12MB	256MB	512MB	1GB	2GB	4GB	8GB	16GB
10M	2	58	115	230	470	940	1900	3800
3:2 (8M)	2	58	115	230	470	940	1900	3800
5M	4	90	170	350	710	1420	2900	5850
3M	7	148	293	600	1200	2400	4850	9800
VGA	60	1200	2360	4800	9650	19300	38600	77200
16:9 (7M)	3	75	150	300	600	1200	2450	5000
16:9 (2M)	11	230	450	900	1800	3700	7500	15000

- The number of images listed assume [REC Mode] is set to [Normal].
- When the number of remaining shootable images is greater than 9,999, the ">9999" indicator appears.

- When an image was recorded using an earlier Sony model and is played back on the camera, the image may not appear in the actual image size.

The approximate recordable time of movies

The numbers in the table below show the approximate maximum recordable time obtained by totaling all movie files.

(Units: hour : minute : second)

Size \ Capacity	Internal memory	"Memory Stick Duo" media formatted with this camera						
	Approx. 12MB	256MB	512MB	1GB	2GB	4GB	8GB	16GB
320×240	0:00:20	0:10:10	0:20:20	0:41:20	1:23:40	2:45:00	5:35:00	11:18:00

- The aspect ratio of the movie frame is 320×240
- Recordable movie file size is up to approx. 2 GB for each file. If the file size reaches approx. 2 GB, the camera stops recording automatically.
- The camera does not support HD recordings or playbacks for movies.

Troubleshooting

If you experience trouble with your camera, try the following solutions.

- 1 Check the items below, and refer to “Cyber-shot Handbook” (PDF).
- 2 Remove the battery pack, wait for about one minute, re-insert the battery pack, then turn on the power.
- 3 Initialize the settings (page 24).
- 4 Consult your Sony dealer or local authorized Sony service facility.

Be aware that by sending the camera for repair, you give consent that the contents of the internal memory may be checked.

Battery pack and power

Cannot insert the battery pack.

- Insert the battery pack correctly to push the battery eject lever (page 11).

Cannot turn on the camera.

- After inserting the battery pack into the camera, it may take a few moments for the camera to power up.
- Insert the battery pack correctly (page 11).
- The battery pack is discharged. Insert a charged battery pack (page 10).
- The battery pack is dead. Replace it with a new one.
- Use a recommended battery pack.

The power turns off suddenly.

- If you do not operate the camera for about three minutes while the power is on, the camera turns off automatically to prevent wearing down the battery pack. Turn on the camera again (page 13).
- The battery pack is dead. Replace it with a new one.
- The power may go off automatically to protect the camera depending on the temperature of the unit or the battery pack. In this case, the message appears on the screen before the power goes off.

The remaining charge indicator is incorrect.

- This phenomenon occurs when you use the camera in an extremely hot or cold location.
- A discrepancy arose between the remaining charge indicator and the actual remaining battery charge. Fully discharge the battery pack once, then charge it to correct the indication.
- The battery pack is discharged. Insert the charged battery pack (page 10).
- The battery pack is dead. Replace it with a new one.

Cannot charge the battery pack.

- You cannot charge the battery pack using the AC Adapter (sold separately).

The CHARGE lamp flashes while charging the battery pack.

- Remove the battery pack being charged, and then insert the same battery pack into the battery charger securely again.
- The temperature may be outside of the recommended operating temperature. Charge the battery pack in an recommended ambient temperature of between 10 to 30°C (50 to 86°F) (BC-CSKA only).

Shooting still images/movies

Cannot record images.

- Check the free capacity of the internal memory or “Memory Stick Duo” media (pages 28, 29). If it is full, do one of the following:
 - Delete unnecessary images (page 17).
 - Change the “Memory Stick Duo” media.
- You cannot record images while charging the flash.
- When shooting a still image, set the mode dial to a position other than .
- Set the mode dial to  when shooting movies.

Vertical streaks appear when you are shooting a very bright subject.

- The smear phenomenon is occurring and white, black, red, purple, or other streaks appear on the image. This phenomenon is not a malfunction.

Viewing images

Cannot play back images.

- Press the  (Playback) button (page 17).
- The folder/file name has been changed on your computer.
- Sony does not guarantee playback of image files on the camera if the files have been processed using a computer or recorded with another camera.
- The camera is in USB mode. Delete the USB connection.

Precautions

Do not use/store the camera in the following places

- In an extremely hot, cold or humid place
In places such as in a car parked in the sun, the camera body may become deformed and this may cause a malfunction.
- Under direct sunlight or near a heater
The camera body may become discolored or deformed, and this may cause a malfunction.
- In a location subject to rocking vibration
- Near strong magnetic place
- In sandy or dusty places
Be careful not to let sand or dust get into the camera. This may cause the camera to malfunction, and in some cases this malfunction cannot be repaired.

On carrying

Do not sit down in a chair or other place with the camera in the back pocket of your trousers or skirt, as this may cause malfunction or damage the camera.

On the battery pack

- Avoid rough handling, disassembling, modifying, physical shock, or impact such as hammering, dropping or stepping on the battery pack.
- Do not use a deformed or damaged battery pack.

On cleaning

Cleaning the LCD screen

Wipe the screen surface with an LCD cleaning kit (sold separately) to remove fingerprints, dust, etc.

Cleaning the lens

Wipe the lens with a soft cloth to remove fingerprints, dust, etc.

Cleaning the camera surface

Clean the camera surface with a soft cloth slightly moistened with water, then wipe the surface with a dry cloth. To prevent damage to the finish or casing:

- Do not expose the camera to chemical products such as thinner, benzine, alcohol, disposable cloths, insect repellent, sunscreen or insecticide.
- Do not touch the camera with any of the above on your hand.
- Do not leave the camera in contact with rubber or vinyl for a long time.

On operating temperatures

Your camera is designed for use under the temperatures between 0°C and 40°C (32°F and 104°F). Shooting in extremely cold or hot places that exceed this range is not recommended.

On moisture condensation

If the camera is brought directly from a cold to a warm location, moisture may condense inside or outside the camera. This moisture condensation may cause a malfunction of the camera.

If moisture condensation occurs

Turn off the camera and wait about an hour for the moisture to evaporate. Note that if you shoot with moisture remaining inside the lens, images will not be clear.

On the internal rechargeable backup battery

This camera has an internal rechargeable battery for maintaining the date and time and other settings regardless of whether the power is on or off.

This rechargeable battery is continually charged as long as you are using the camera. However, if you use the camera for only short periods, it discharges gradually, and if you do not use the camera at all for about one month it becomes completely discharged. In this case, be sure to charge this rechargeable battery before using the camera.

However, even if this rechargeable battery is not charged, you can still use the camera, but the date and time will not be indicated.

Charging method of the internal rechargeable backup battery

Insert charged battery pack in the camera, and then leave the camera for 24 hours or more with the power off.

Specifications

Camera

[System]

Image device:

DSC-S980:

7.79 mm (1/2.3 type) color CCD, Primary color filter

DSC-S950:

7.70 mm (1/2.3 type) color CCD, Primary color filter

Total pixel number of camera:

DSC-S980:

Approx. 12.4 Megapixels

DSC-S950:

Approx. 10.3 Megapixels

Effective pixel number of camera:

DSC-S980:

Approx. 12.1 Megapixels

DSC-S950:

Approx. 10.1 Megapixels

Lens: 4× zoom lens $f = 5.8 - 23.2$ mm (33 – 132 mm (35 mm film equivalent)) F2.5 (W) – 5.6 (T)

Exposure control: Automatic exposure, Scene Selection (7 modes)

White balance: Automatic, Daylight, Cloudy, Fluorescent 1, 2, 3, Incandescent, Flash

File format (DCF compliant):

Still images: Exif Ver. 2.21 JPEG compliant, DPOF compatible

Movies: AVI (Motion JPEG)

Recording media: Internal Memory (approx. 12 MB), “Memory Stick Duo” media

Flash: Flash range (ISO sensitivity

(Recommended Exposure Index) set to Auto): approx. 0.5 to 3.5 m (1 feet 7 3/4 inches to 11 feet 5 7/8 inches) (W)/approx. 0.5 to 1.5 m (1 feet 7 3/4 inches to 4 feet 11 1/8 inches) (T)

Recording interval of Burst:

DSC-S980:

Approx. 1.0 seconds

DSC-S950:

Approx. 1.0 seconds

[Input and Output connectors]

• (USB)•A/V OUT terminal:
Video, Audio (Monaural), USB communication

USB communication:

Hi-Speed USB (USB 2.0 compliant)

[LCD screen]

LCD panel: 6.7 cm (2.7 type) TFT drive

Total number of dots: 230 400 (960×240) dots

[Power, general]

Power: Rechargeable battery pack NP-BK1, 3.6 V
AC-LS5K AC Adaptor (sold separately),
4.2 V

Power consumption (during shooting):

DSC-S980:

1.2 W

DSC-S950:

1.2 W

Operating temperature: 0 to 40°C (32 to 104°F)

Storage temperature: –20 to +60°C (–4 to +140°F)

Dimensions: 93.1×55.7×23.8 mm (3 3/4×2 1/4× 15/16 inches) (W/H/D, excluding protrusions)

Mass: Approx. 157 g (5.5 oz) (including NP-BK1 battery pack and strap, etc.)

Microphone: Monaural

Speaker: Monaural

Exif Print: Compatible

PRINT Image Matching III: Compatible

PictBridge: Compatible

BC-CSK/BC-CSKA battery charger

Power requirements: AC 100 V to 240 V, 50/60 Hz, 2.2 W (BC-CSK)/2.3 W (BC-CSKA)

Output voltage: DC 4.2 V, 0.33 A (BC-CSK)/0.30 A (BC-CSKA)

Operating temperature: 0 to 40°C (32 to 104°F)

Storage temperature: –20 to +60°C (–4 to +140°F)

Dimensions: Approx. 62×24×91 mm (2 1/2× 31/32×3 5/8 inches) (W/H/D)

Mass: Approx. 75 g (2.7 oz) (BC-CSK)/Approx. 70 g (2.5 oz) (BC-CSKA)

Rechargeable battery pack NP-BK1

Used battery: Lithium-ion battery

Maximum output voltage: DC 4.2 V

Mean output voltage: DC 3.6 V

Maximum charge voltage: DC 4.2 V

Maximum charge current: 1.4 A

Capacity: Approx. 3.4 Wh (970 mAh)

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