

Basic Operation Instructions for the Canon ZR-500 Mini DV camera.



Here's the operational view of the camera with **battery** attached, **viewfinder** extended, and standing by in camera mode.

This is the **power switch** that also toggles between camera and playback mode.



The **tape compartment** is found at the bottom end of the camera. Push and slide the tab to the right, and lift the hood to open compartment.



Insert tape, and with the outer door to the compartment, gently close the inner door to the tape tray. Let the camera retract with the tape, and gently close the outer door completely. Also observe the warnings on the camera itself.



The camera should be set in **Easy mode** for point and shoot recording, and **optical zoom control** via the **wide - telephoto** thumb lever.



At the very back of the camera is the **battery** in the slot, above it is the **battery release button**, and to the right is the **record/pause button** switched in operation with the thumb.



The viewfinder is now in standby **widescreen mode**. An icon in the **upper right** of the screen will say "**WIDE**" when widescreen mode is selected. The camera should **always** be set to record in **normal mode**. Beneath it is a **joystick** to navigate the playback mode, and **buttons** to navigate menus. Use the button on the **far right** to switch to **normal record mode**. For further instruction, please refer to the **owner's manual**.



This is the viewfinder in **normal** record mode. Notice how the picture in the viewfinder doesn't reach the vertical edges of the screen,

and there is no widescreen icon in the display. For simple point and shoot recording, only the joystick is used for playback navigation.

The lens is now protected with the **lens shield switch** in the upright position. If you are not seeing anything in the display screen while in record mode, check this switch and make sure it's in the **down** position, and the lens elements are visible.



With the camera **power off**, the **battery in the compartment**, and the **power supply connected**, the battery will recharge. A full recharge will take about two hours from a completely dead battery. Notice the **red indicator light** on the left. It will **flash once at 25%**

charged, **twice at 50%** charged, **three times at 75%** charged and **remain on** when the battery is fully charged.

This tutorial covered the basics of point and shoot operation. To use more complex features of the camera, we recommend you read through the **owner's manual**.

