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Sony Digital Recorder
HDW-S280

A Compact HDCAM recorder with 24P-recording capability – Opening New Horizons in Field and Studio HD Productions

In recent years, high-definition content creation has become increasingly commonplace in a variety of applications - from prime-time dramas, documentaries and sports, to digital cinema productions. From the outset, Sony has responded to this trend by supplying a range of HDCAM products, and by offering the stunning 24P-recording format, recognized by the CineAlta name.

In line with this commitment, Sony has now added the HDW-S280 compact recorder – the first affordable HDCAM deck to offer 24P-recording capability. Packed into a compact half-rack-wide chassis only 3U high, the HDW-S280 recorder provides an assortment

of features, such as interlace/progressive switchable recording with selectable frame rates, legacy playback of Betacam SX, Betacam SP and Betacam tapes, and up-/down-conversion capabilities.

Despite its small size, the HDW-S280 front panel incorporates a 3.5-inch* 16:9 color LCD display for monitoring video, VTR status and setup menus. And, for enhanced installation flexibility, the unit can be AC, DC or battery driven.

With such a rich set of features built into an extremely mobile design, the HDW-S280 recorder offers new opportunities in a range of field and studio HD productions.

* Viewable area, measured diagonally



Main Features

High-Definition Pictures Using the HDCAM Format

The HDW-S280 recorder* adopts the proven HDCAM format to record 1920 x 1080 resolution, high-definition component digital signals. The HDCAM format uses an extremely intelligent compression scheme with a video bit rate of 140 Mb/s (data rate on tape of 185 Mb/s). This allows the format to integrate superb picture quality onto a highly robust and cost-effective 1/2-inch tape with a design inherited from the Betacam Series.

* The HDW-S280 recorder accepts S-cassette only.

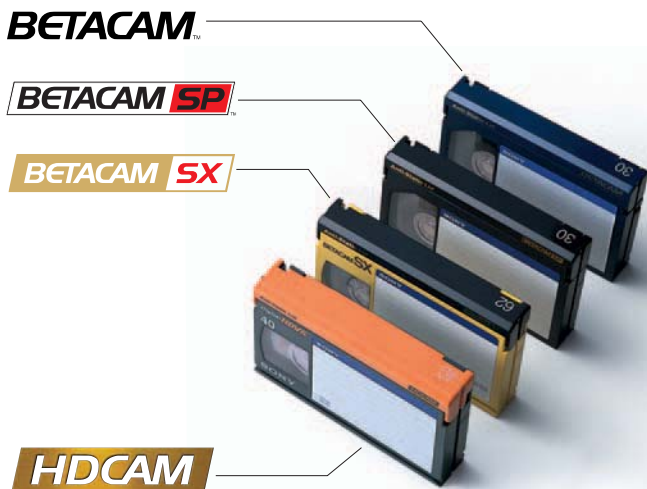
Interlace/Progressive Switchable Recording and Playback

An important element that makes the HDW-S280 so versatile is its ability to record and play back material recorded in multiple signal formats. The HDW-S280 supports both interlace and progressive recording modes with selectable frame rates; 1080/59.94i, 1080/50i, 1080/29.97PsF, 1080/25PsF, 1080/24PsF* and 1080/23.98PsF*. With the progressive recording capability, the HDW-S280 recorder can be used to acquire film-like images for movies, dramas and documentaries.

* The HDW-S280 does not offer the 3-2 pull-down capability. Therefore, 1080/24PsF and 1080/23.98PsF playback cannot be converted to 1080/59.94i and 1080/50i output.

Powerful Legacy Playback Capability

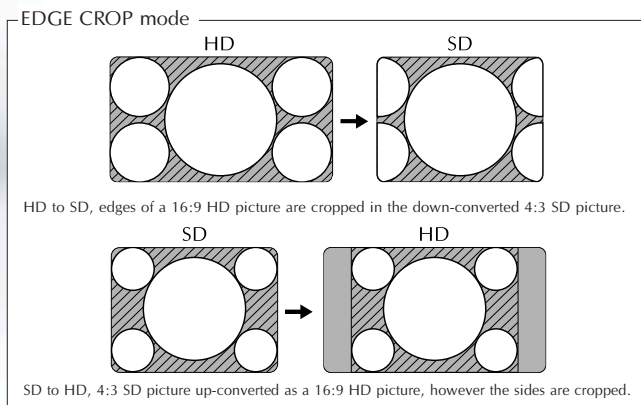
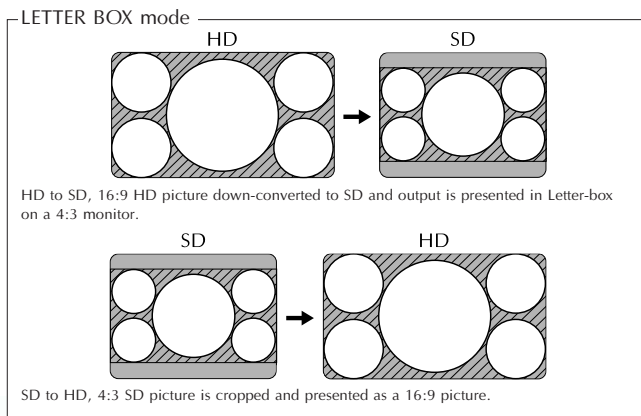
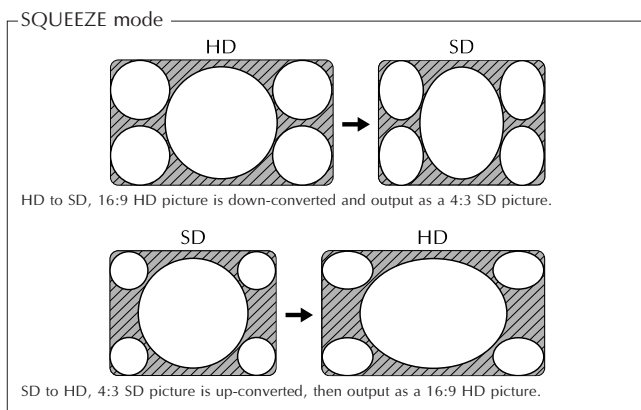
The HDW-S280 recorder is equipped with a powerful legacy playback capability for Betacam SX, Betacam SP and Betacam format tapes. This allows for flexible use of acquisition tools in the field, and easy integration into existing editing environments.



Up- and Down-conversion Capabilities with Selectable Picture Modes

The HDW-S280 can output 480/59.94i and 576/50i signals in SD-SDI or analog composite from HDCAM playback*. It can also output 1080i signals in HD-SDI from SD legacy playback. These up- and down-conversion capabilities provide unlimited operational flexibility. When monitoring such converted signals, the picture display mode can be selected from the following depending on the type of application.

* 1080/24PsF and 1080/23.98PsF playback cannot be converted to 480/59.94i and 576/50i output.



Operational Features

Highly Compact and Portable Design

The HDW-S280 recorder is characterized by its highly compact and lightweight design, allowing for use in the field, and in confined spaces ranging from OB trucks and helicopters to nonlinear editing desktops. The unit is only 3U high and has a half-rack width, and weighs just 6.0 kg (13 lb 4 oz). A carrying handle at the top and a tilt stand further enhance its mobility and field operability.



AC/DC or Battery-powered Operation

The HDW-S280 recorder can operate on AC, DC and battery* power, greatly increasing its flexibility for field productions. The recorder also achieves low power consumption, enabling up to 80 minutes of operating time using the optional BP-GL95 battery.

* To use with a battery, the optional BKP-L551 battery adaptor is required.

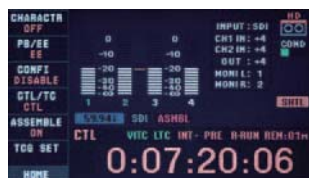


HDW-S280 with BP-GL95 battery

User-friendly Control Panel Design

The control panel of the HDW-S280 is compact yet easy to use, providing good access to each VTR control. A Jog/Shuttle dial is provided for quick and precise picture search operations. The HDW-S280 recorder is also equipped with a 3.5-inch* 16:9 color LCD display, allowing users to view playback material and VTR setup menus without the use of an external video monitor – a feature especially convenient for field operations. At the push of a button, the LCD panel's display mode can be easily switched between video monitor with superimposed time code and audio level meters, or system status/menu control mode. Dedicated audio control knobs are also provided on the compact front panel.

* Viewable area measured diagonally.



System status view

Back-space and Assemble Editing Functions

The HDW-S280 recorder provides two types of editing capabilities. An automatic backspace editing with instant-start feature allows sequential recording, without picture interference at transition points. In addition, assemble editing – including two-machine editing – is also possible*.

* Frame accuracy is ±1 frame.

Sequential Recording Function

The HDW-S280 recorder provides recording of up to 50 (24PsF)/48 (50i)/40 (59.94i) minutes on an S-sized cassette. Should a longer record time be required, two decks can be connected to record across two tapes without a break in the recording. When the tape remaining time of one deck reaches two minutes, the other deck automatically starts recording. Since the tape in the deck on standby can be exchanged while the other deck is recording, a limitless recording time can also be achieved.



Front Panel (Video Monitor View)

Search Functions – Jog and Shuttle Modes

The HDW-S280 recorder delivers recognizable color pictures in shuttle mode at speeds of up to ± 10 times normal playback. Jog operation is also possible, at up to ± 1 time normal playback speed.



Versatile Interfaces

The HDW-S280 recorder features a wide range of interfaces including:

- HD-SDI input and output
- SD SDI output
- Analog composite output
- Analog audio input and output
- Analog audio monitor output
- Reference input
- Time code input and output
- RS-422 9-pin remote interface

Easy Setup Using “Memory Stick™” Media

Operators can store and recall VTR setup parameters onto optional Memory Stick media, enabling quick and consistent setup of multiple VTRs.



Metadata Recording

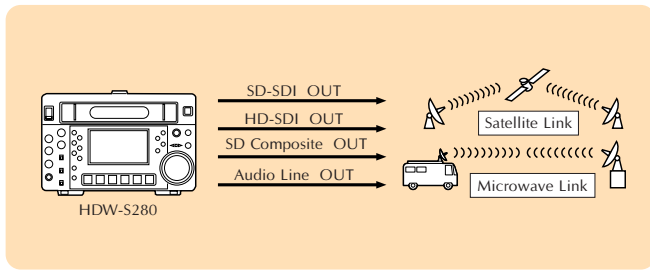
The HDW-S280 recorder is capable of recording metadata including UMID (Unique Material Identifier) and shot marks, which are used for quick cue-up to scenes of interest. This metadata capability improves overall efficiency across the production process.



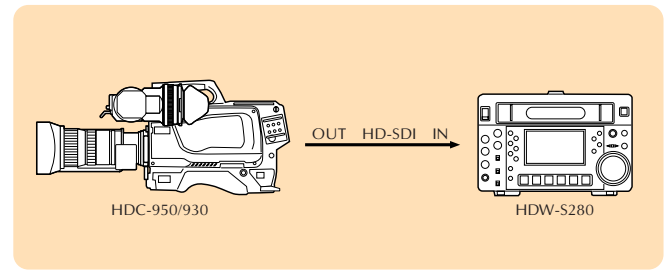
Rear Panel

System Configurations

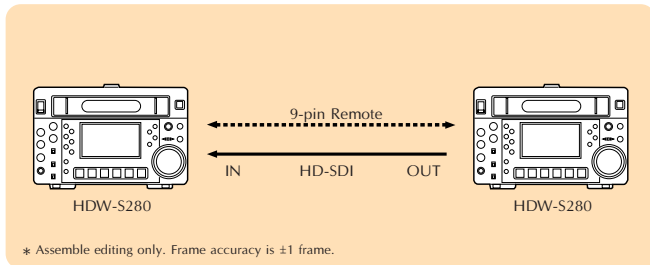
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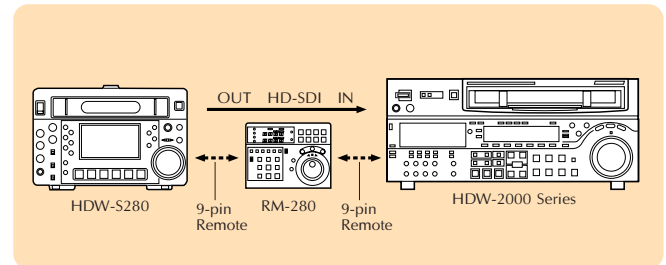
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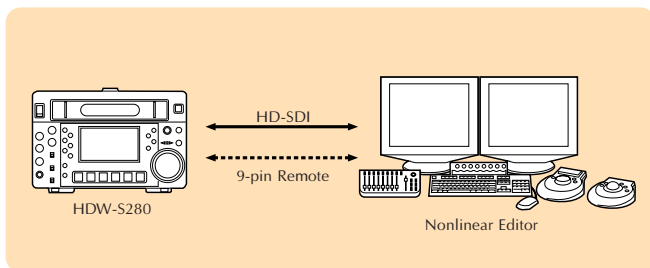
Two-machine Editing



Editing with RM-280 Editing Controller



Nonlinear Editing



Optional Accessories



BCT-6HD/12HD/22HD/32HD/40HD,
HDCAM Tape Cassette



BCT-HD12CL,
Cleaning Cassette



RCC-5G,
9-pin Remote Cable



HKDV-900,
HD Digital Video Controller



RM-280,
Editing Controller



BKP-L551,
Battery Adaptor



BP-GL95/GL65,
Lithium-ion Battery Pack



BP-M100/M50,
Nickel Metal Hydride Battery Pack



BC-M150,
Battery Charger



BC-L70,
Battery Charger

Specifications

General	Power requirements	100 to 240 V, 50/60 Hz	
	Power consumption	80 W (AC operation), 60 W (DC operation)	
	Operating temperature	+5 to +40 °C (41 to 104 °F)	
	Storage temperature	-20 to +60 °C (-4 to +140 °F)	
	Humidity	25 to 80%	
	Mass	6 kg (13 lb 4 oz)	
	Dimensions (W x H x D)	210 x 132 x 425 mm (8 3/8 x 5 1/4 x 16 3/4 inches)	
	Tape speed	HDCAM	96.7 mm/s (59.94i, 29.97PsF), 80.6 mm/s (50i, 25PsF), 77.4 mm/s (24PsF, 23.98PsF)
		BETACAM SX BETACAM/BETACAM SP	59.6 mm/s 118.6 mm/s (59.94i), 101.5 mm (50i)
	HDCAM Record/playback time		40 minutes (59.94i, 29.97PsF, with BCT-40HD cassette)
			48 minutes (50i, 25PsF, with BCT-40HD cassette)
			50 minutes (24PsF, 23.98PsF, with BCT-40HD cassette)
	Fast forward/rewind time		Approx. 4 minutes (fast-forward), 3 minutes (rewind)
	Search speed range	Shuttle mode	Still to ±10 times normal speed playback
		Log mode	Still to ±1 time normal speed playback
	Servo lock time		1.0 s or less
	Load/unload time		7 s or less
Input/output	HD-SDI input	BNC x 1 (SMPTÉ 292M), Serial Digital (1.485 Gb/s)	
	Reference video input	BNC x 2 (with a loop-through), Tri-level sync, 0.6 Vp-p, 75 Ω, sync negative or Black Burst or Composite, 0.3 Vp-p, 75 Ω, sync negative	
	Analog audio input (CH 1/2)	XLR-3-pin type, female x 2, +4/0/-3/-20/-60 dBu selectable, high impedance, balanced	
	Timecode input	BNC x1 (0.5 to 18 Vp-p, 10 kΩ, balanced)	
	HD-SDI output	BNC x 2 (SMPTÉ 292M), Serial Digital (1.485 Gb/s)	
	SD-SDI output	BNC x 2 (SMPTÉ 259M including one character out), Serial Digital (270 Mb/s)	
	Analog composite output	BNC x 2 (RS-170A, including one character out) Y: 1.0 Vp-p, sync negative, R-Y/B-Y: 0.7 Vp-p, 75 Ω	
	Analog audio output (CH 1/2)	XLR-3-pin type, male x 2, +4 dBm (600 Ω load), low impedance, balanced	
	Timecode output	BNC x1 (1.0 Vp-p, unbalanced)	
	Audio monitor output L/R	XLR-3-pin type, male x 2, +4 dBm (600 Ω load), low impedance, balanced	
	Headphones	JM-60 Stereo phone jack (∞ to -12 dBu at 8 Ω load, unbalanced)	
	Remote (RS-422)	D-sub 9-pin, Sony 9-pin remote interface	
	Video control	D-sub 9-pin	
	DC output	Round shape 4-pin, female x 1, for RM-280 or BVR-3 controller	
	Processor adjustment range	Others	"Memory Stick" slot
Video level		±3 dB/∞ to +3 dB, selectable	
Chroma level		±3 dB/∞ to +3 dB, selectable	
Set up/black level		±210 mV	
Chroma phase/hue		±30°	
System sync phase		±15 μs	
System SC phase		±200 ns	
Y/C delay		±100 ns	
Digital video performance		Sampling frequency	Y: 74.25 MHz, R-Y/B-Y: 37.125 MHz
		Quantization	10 bit/sample (compression: 8 bit/sample)
	Compression	Coefficient recording system	
	Channel coding	S-I-NRZI PR-IV	
	Error correction	Reed-Solomon code	
	Analog composite output performance	Bandwidth	Y: 0 to 5.75 MHz +0.5 dB/-2.0 dB, R-Y/B-Y: 0 to 2.75 MHz +0.5 dB/-2.0 dB
S/N ratio		53 dB or more	
Differential gain		2% or less	
Differential phase		2% or less	
Y/C delay		20 ns or less	
K Factor (2T Pulse)		1% or less	
Output SCH phase		Based upon RS-170A/CCIR R.624-3	
Digital audio performance	Sampling frequency	48 kHz (Synchronized with video)	
	Quantization	20 bit/sample	
	Wow & flutter	Below measurable level	
	Headrooms	20/18/16/12 dB selectable	
	Emphasis (ON/OFF selectable in REC mode)	T1=50 μs, T2=15 μs (on/off selectable in recording mode)	
	Analog audio output performance	A/D quantization	20 bit/sample
D/A quantization		20 bit/sample	
Frequency response		20 Hz to 20 kHz +0.5 dB/-1.0 dB (0 dB at 1 kHz)	
Dynamic range		More than 90 dB (at 1 kHz, emphasis ON)	
Distortion		Less than 0.08% (at 1 kHz, emphasis ON, reference level)	
Crosstalk		Less than -80 dB (at 1 kHz, between any two channels)	
Frequency response		100 Hz to 10 kHz ±3 dB	
S/N ratio		More than 45 dB (at 3% distortion level)	
Cue track	Distortion	Less than 2% (T.H.D. at 1 kHz, reference level)	
	Wow & flutter	Less than 0.2%	
	Erase ratio	More than 60 dB	
	Supplied accessories	Operation manual (1), Installation manual (1), Connector cap (1)	

BETACAM SX playback

Video performance	Bandwidth	Y	NTSC: 0 to 4.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-3.0 dB
		R-Y/B-Y	PAL: 0 to 5.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-3.0 dB
	S/N ratio		0 to 2.0 MHz +0.5 dB/-3.0 dB
Audio performance	K factor (2T pulse)		56 dB or more
	Frequency response		1% or less
	Dynamic range		20 Hz to 20 kHz +0.5 dB/-1.0 dB (0 dB at 1 kHz)
	Distortion		88 dB or more (at 1 kHz, emphasis ON)
			0.08% or less (at 1 kHz, emphasis ON, reference level (+4 dBm))

Analog BETACAM (NTSC) playback

Video performance	Bandwidth	Y	Metal tape	Oxide tape
		R-Y/B-Y	30 Hz to 4.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-4.0 dB	30 Hz to 4.1 MHz +0.5 dB/-6.0 dB
	S/N ratio	Y	30 Hz to 1.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-3.0 dB	30 Hz to 1.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-3.0 dB
	K-Factor (2T Pulse)	R-Y/B-Y	51 dB or more	48 dB or more
			48 dB or more	45 dB or more
	LF non-linearity	Y	2% or less	3.5% or less
	Y/C delay	R-Y/B-Y	3% or less	3% or less
		4% or less	4% or less	
Audio performance	LNG	Frequency response	20 ns or less	20 ns or less
		S/N ratio	50 Hz to 15 kHz +1.5 dB/-3.0 dB	50 Hz to 15 kHz ±3.0 dB
		T.H.D.	72 dB or more	50 dB or more (Dolby NR off)
		Wow & flutter	1.5% or less	2% or less
			0.2% or less	0.2% or less

Analog BETACAM (PAL) playback

Video performance	Bandwidth	Y	Metal tape	Oxide tape
		R-Y/B-Y	25 Hz to 4.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-4.0 dB	25 Hz to 4.1 MHz +0.5 dB/-6.0 dB
	S/N ratio	Y	25 Hz to 1.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-3.0 dB	25 Hz to 1.5 MHz +0.5 dB/-3.0 dB
	K-Factor (2T Pulse)	R-Y/B-Y	48 dB or more	46 dB or more
			48 dB or more	45 dB or more
	LF non-linearity	Y	2.5% or less	4% or less
	Y/C delay	R-Y/B-Y	3% or less	3% or less
		4% or less	4% or less	
Audio performance	LNG	Frequency response	20 ns or less	20 ns or less
		S/N ratio	50 Hz to 15 kHz +1.5 dB/-3.0 dB	50 Hz to 15 kHz 3.0 dB
		T.H.D.	68 dB or more	62 dB or more (Dolby NR off)
		Wow & flutter	1.5% or less	2% or less
			0.2% or less	0.2% or less

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