



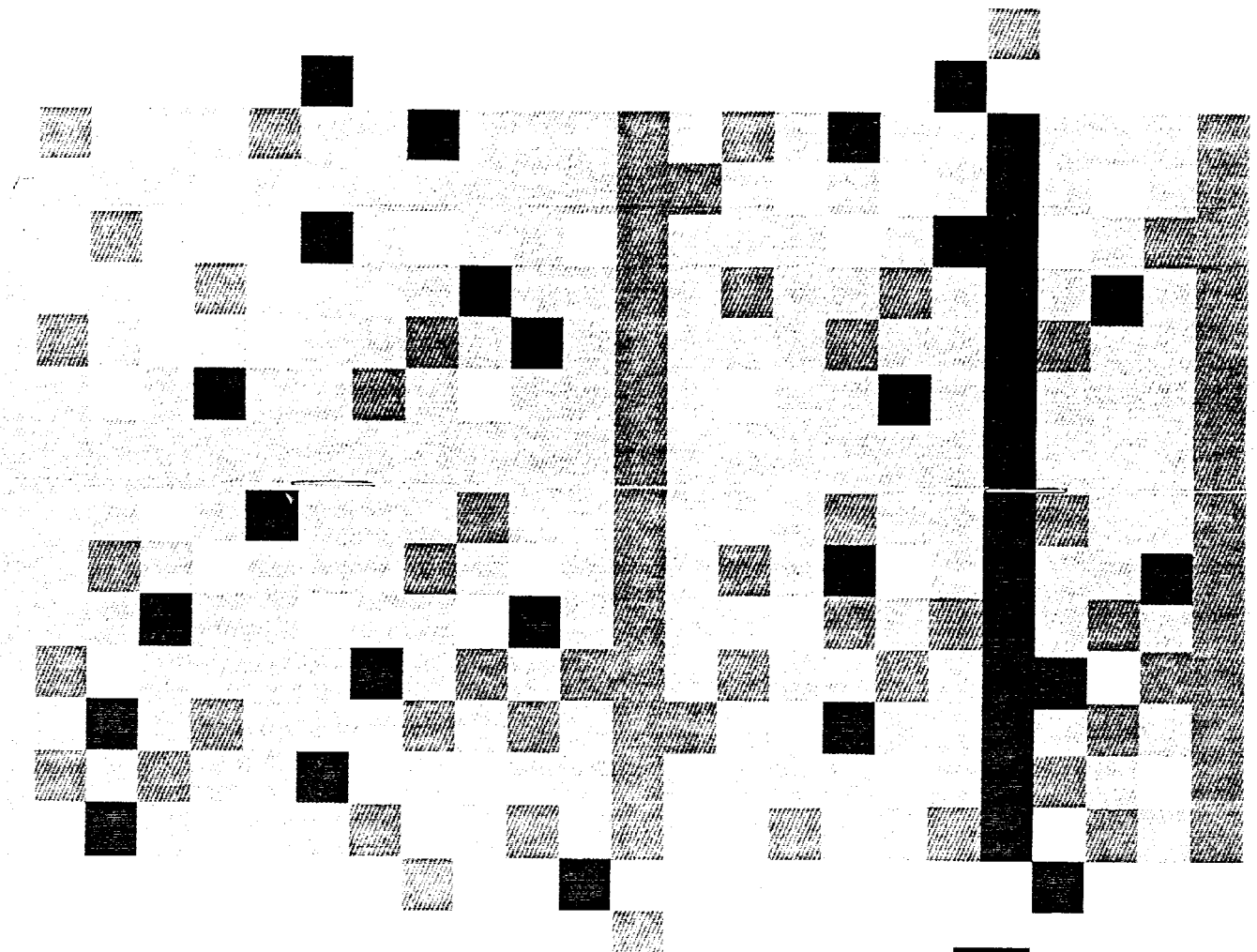
Digital Camera

RDC-4200

Operation Manual

Read this manual carefully before using your digital camera to understand its proper use. Please keep the manual handy for future reference.

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a Ricoh digital camera. This manual explains the correct handling procedures and precautions for your camera. Please read it thoroughly before using the camera to obtain a good understanding of the equipment and its functions. Keep the manual handy for future reference.

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Test Shots

Check that your camera is recording pictures correctly by taking several test shots.

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- Reorient the TV or radio antenna.
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Camera Features

Simple Operation

With this camera, taking a picture is as easy as viewing the composition in the LCD monitor and pressing the shutter release button. The photographed image will record on the SmartMedia memory card.

Immediate Confirmation

The camera allows you to check an image file immediately after recording simply by switching to replay mode. Moreover, it can display single images in magnified form (zoom playback) or a set of nine images.

190° Rotating Lens and Flash

The 190° rotating lens unit and flash (front 100°) allow you to freely select a convenient angle for each shot without craning your neck.

Switches between Quality/Capacity Modes at Any Time

The RDC-4200 adapts to your changing requirements, readily switching between the super-fine SF mode for top-quality imaging or the economic E mode for more recording capacity.

Flexible Zoom Lens


The 3X optical zoom lens lets you compose a wide range of pictures, from close-ups to scenery shots, without moving your position.

Natural Color Images

The white balance function assists in capturing a subject in its natural colors regardless of the light source, indoors or out.

Close-Up Shots

In macro mode - particularly suited for flower and insect close-ups - the camera takes detailed shots as close as 8 centimeters (3.2 inches)* from the subject.

*The mode dial must be set to the macro mode [ REC].

Shows Your Images on a TV Screen as well

With the video interface cable provided, the camera can screen your picture files on a TV screen. In addition, you can connect to a video deck or video printer to dub images on videotapes or to make full-color prints.

Compact for Easy Portability

The camera's lightweight, compact construction makes it easy to take just about anywhere. In its hard case (optional), your camera can safely accompany you on all your travels abroad or at home.

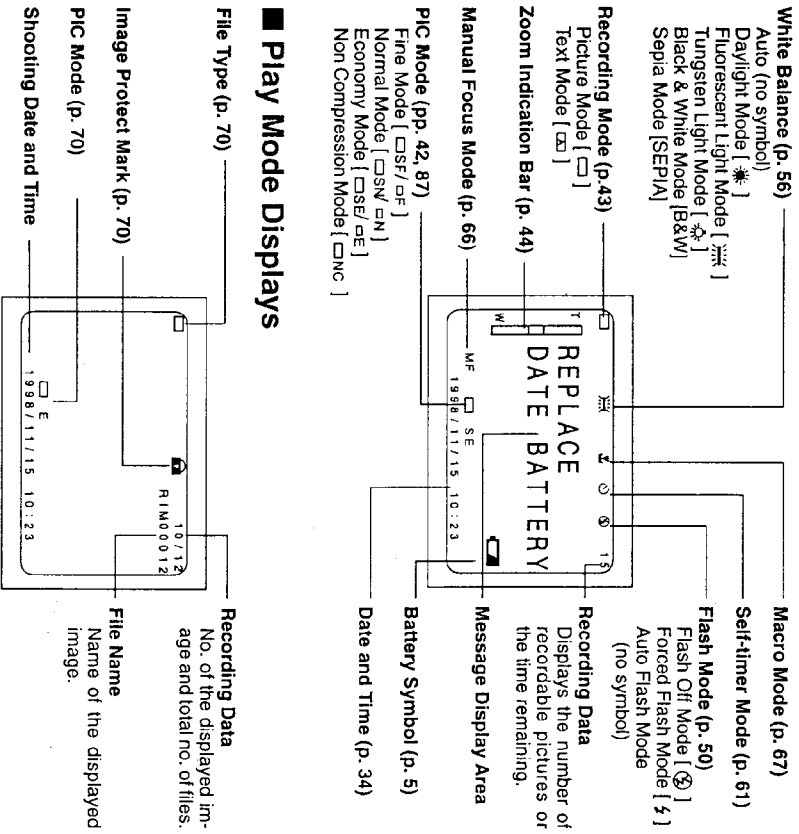
Interchanges Data with Computers

The software bundled with the camera marries the power of computers with digital photography, simplifying the transfer of picture data. Load images onto a computer to output with a color printer or color copier.

Explanation of LCD Monitor Displays

The LCD monitor displays symbols and figures revealing the camera's status, such as the battery charge, number of recordable pictures and mode settings.

Recording Mode Displays



Note:

- For illustration purposes, all the symbol categories are simultaneously shown above. During actual camera operations, only relevant symbols display.
- The camera will automatically power down (auto power off) to conserve the battery if left untouched (no buttons or switches manipulated) for approximately 5 minutes. Slide the power switch on to resume use.
- You can disable the auto power off function (p. 85).
- The auto power off function is automatically disabled while the camera is powered by an AC adapter.

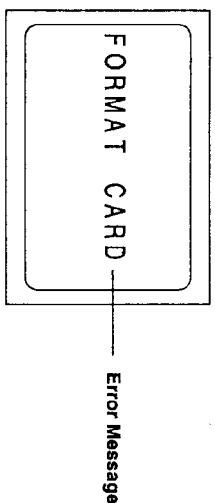
Warning Codes

If warning codes appear on the camera's LCD monitor, respond as directed below.

Warning Message	Display Style	Recommended Response	Reference Page
REPLACE DATE BATTERY	Flashing	Indicates low battery. Keep replacement batteries handy.	p. 23
INSERT CARD	Flashing	Indicates low or missing date battery; if message displays for approximately 2 seconds at startup. Replace or install the date battery.	p. 26
WRITE PROTECTED	Flashing	No SmartMedia memory card detected at startup. Insert a card.	p. 31
PROTECTED FILE, UNABLE TO ERASE:	Flashing	Write-protected SmartMedia memory card detected at startup. To record or erase images, remove the write-protect pad before use.	p. 30
UNMATCHED FILE	Flashing	You attempted to erase a protected file. Change the protection setting before erasing the file.	p. 77
FILE NUMBER OVER	Flashing	You attempted to play an unplayable file.	p. 72
NO IMAGE	Flashing	No more files can be recorded. Insert a fresh SmartMedia memory card to begin recording.	p. 31
		No playable files detected. Insert a SmartMedia memory card on which files are recorded.	p. 31

■ Error Messages

If error messages appear on the camera's LCD monitor, respond as directed below.



FORMAT CARD	Unformatted SmartMedia memory card in camera. Format card with camera before recording images.	p. 32
UNABLE TO RECORD	Recording failed. Re-record because this data can't be correctly replayed. If error persists, turn off power once before retrying or reset camera.*	p. 41, 46
UNABLE TO ERASE	Erase failed. Restart camera and take a single test shot. Erase the test shot. The previous file should also automatically erase. If the error persists, reset camera.*	p. 41, 79
UNABLE TO FORMAT	Write-protected SmartMedia memory card detected at startup. To record or erase images, remove the write protect pad before use.	p. 32
UNABLE TO PLAYBACK	Playback failed. Restart or reset camera.*	p. 41
UNABLE TO TRANSMIT	Data transmission failed. Restart or reset camera.*	p. 41
CARD ERROR	Error reading data from SmartMedia memory card. Restart camera or remove and reinsert the SmartMedia memory card.	p. 31 p. 41

* Reset Method: Remove both the main and date batteries and then slide the power switch on. The camera will reset to the default factory settings.

Menus

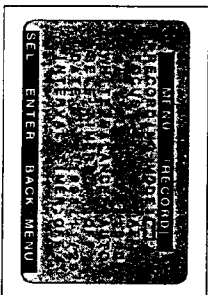
The camera features three menus. The menus are used, respectively, to adjust settings for recording, playing and erasing picture files.

■ Record Menu

Slide the power on, set the mode dial to either [REC] setting and press the menu button. When you finish with the record menu, press the menu button a second time to conclude.

Note:

This operation can be performed with the mode dial set to either the [] setting or [] setting in the REC section.



Recording Mode:

Switches between recording modes, such as picture or text modes (p. 43).

Focus:

Switches between auto and manual focus (p. 66).

Exposure Compensation:

Sets the exposure compensation (p. 54).

White Balance:

Switches between the auto and manual white balance settings (p. 56).

Self Timer:

Switches the self timer on and off (p. 61).

Date:

Sets the date and time (p. 34).

Interval Timer:

Switches interval shooting on and off (p. 62)

Display:

Sets the time interval after which the LCD monitor shuts down in power saving mode (p. 84).

Keep Settings:

Saves the camera settings (p. 88).

S Mode:

Sets the shutter speed to faster settings for shooting in dark areas (p. 68).

Beep:

Sets the electronic beep to sound or no sound (p. 86).

Auto Power Off:

Switches the auto power off function on or off (p. 84).

NC Select:

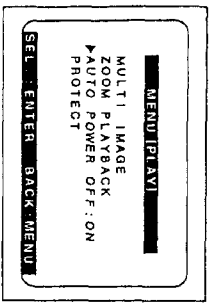
Switches between displaying and hiding the non compression option among the PIC modes (p. 87).

Initialize Settings:

Resets to default settings at startup (p. 89).

■ Play Menu

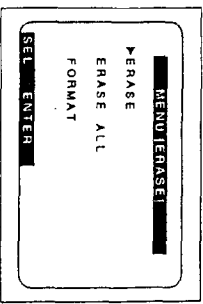
Slide the power on, turn the mode dial to [Play] and press the menu button. When you finish with the play menu, press the menu button a second time.



- Multi Image Playback:** Displays nine images at once on the LCD monitor (p. 75).
- Zoom Playback:** Displays images at twice the original magnification in the SF, SN, SE and NC modes (p. 74).
- Auto Power Off:** Activates or disables the auto power off function (p. 85).
- Protect:** Switches an image protection setting on or off to prevent or enable erasure (p. 77).

■ Erase Menu

Slide the power on, turn the mode dial to [Erase] and press the menu button. When you finish with the erase menu, press the menu button a second time.



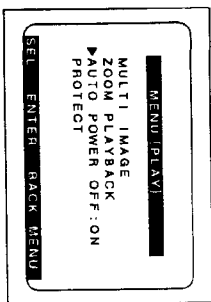
- Erase:** Erases selected images one at a time (except protected images) (p. 79).
- Erase All:** Erases all the files from the card (except protected images) (p. 80).
- Format:** Formats a SmartMedia memory card (including protected images) (p. 32).

Important Note:

- The [PC] setting on the mode dial is used to exchange files with a computer. For more information on this subject, refer to the Readme file or Help menu topics of the DU-4 software.

■ Play Menu

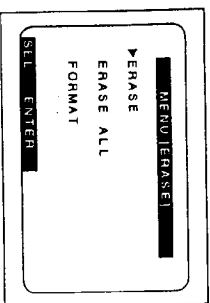
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Activates or disables the auto power off function (p. 85).
Switches an image protection setting on or off to prevent or enable erasure (p. 77).
- Zoom Playback:**
- Auto Power Off:**
- Protect:**

■ Erase Menu

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- Erase All:** Formats a SmartMedia memory card (including protected images) (p. 32).
- Format:**

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Basic Operation/Quick Reference

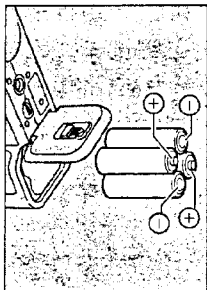
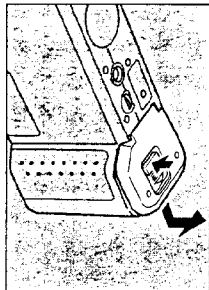
This section describes the minimum procedures required for you to start taking great pictures with the Ricoh RDC-4200 digital camera. For the full treatment of each topic, please read the pages referenced below.

Preparations

Installing Batteries (pp. 23-29)

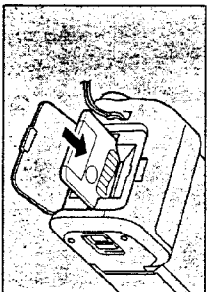
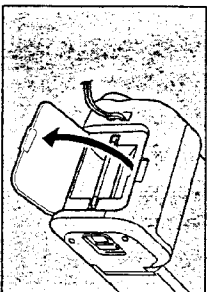
- 1 Load the batteries into the camera as shown.

You can also power the camera with the AC adapter, connecting it to the camera first and then the electrical outlet (p. 28).



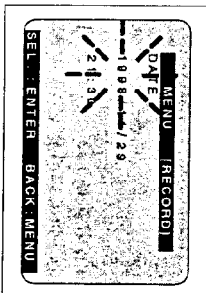
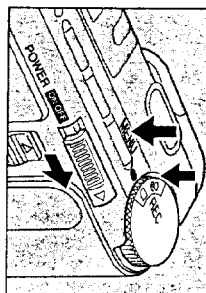
Inserting a SmartMedia Memory Card (pp. 30-33)

- 1 Check that the camera power is off.
- 2 Open the card cover and insert a SmartMedia memory card as shown. If you are using a new SmartMedia memory card, you must first format (initialize) the card with the camera (p. 32).



Setting the Date and Time (pp. 34-35)

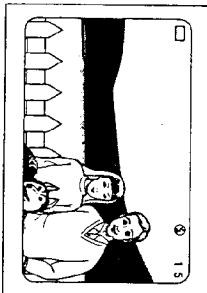
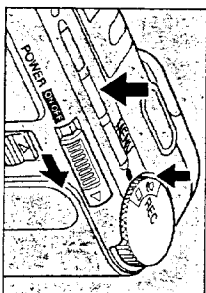
- 1 Slide the power switch on.
- 2 Turn the mode dial to one of the [REC] options and press the menu button.
- 3 Slide the zoom button to select the [Date] option and press the enter button.
- 4 Slide the zoom button to change the value of the flashing date field.
- 5 Press the enter button. Repeat steps 4 and 5 on the remaining fields. The next field will automatically begin flashing after you press the enter button.
- 6 After you have set the value for the minute field, press the enter button to conclude.



Shooting

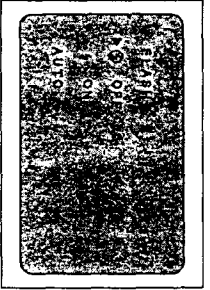
Basic Shooting Procedures (pp. 40-47)

- 1 Slide the power switch on and turn the mode dial to one of the [REC] options.
- 2 Select a PIC mode by pressing the PIC button.
- 3 Select a recording mode.
 - 1) Display the record menu by pressing the menu button, selecting [Recording Model] and pressing the enter button.
 - 2) Select among the recording modes by sliding the zoom button and pressing the menu button.
 - 3) Press the menu button a second time to clear the display.
- 4 Slide the zoom button to select the appropriate zoom setting for your composition.
- 5 Press the shutter release button to take the picture.



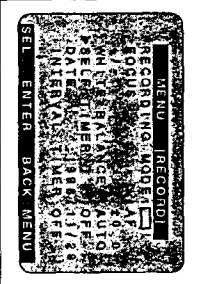
Changing Flash Settings (pp. 50-53)

- 1 Turn the mode dial to one of the [REC] positions.
- 2 Press the flash mode button repeatedly until your choice is selected. You may choose from the flash off [⊗], forced flash [⊕] or the auto flash modes.
- 3 Press the shutter release button to take the picture.



Using the Self-Timer (pp. 61-62)

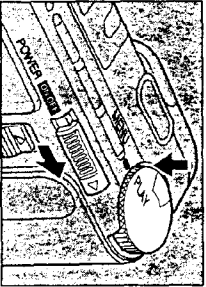
- 1 Turn the mode dial to one of the [REC] positions and press the menu button.
- 2 Slide the zoom button to select the [Self-Timer] option.
- 3 Press the enter button and change the setting to [On]. Press the menu button. The self-timer function is now active.
- 1 Press the shutter release button to start the self-timer and take the picture. The self-timer LED will flash for approximately 10 seconds before it activates the shutter.



Playback

Playing a File (pp. 72-76)

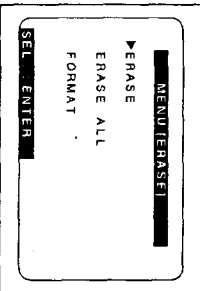
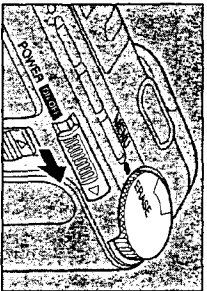
- 1 Slide the power switch on and turn the mode dial to the [Play] option.
- 2 Slide the zoom button to select the image you wish to view. You can take advantage of the zoom playback to magnify an image or the multi-image playback to display nine images on the monitor at once (pp. 74-75).



Erasing

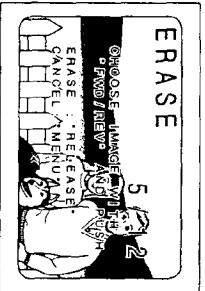
Erasing a File (pp. 78-80)

- 1 Slide the power switch on and turn the mode dial to [Erase].
- 2 Slide the zoom button to select an erasing option and press the enter button. For instructions on the format option for erasing, see the section entitled Formatting a SmartMedia Memory Card (p. 32).



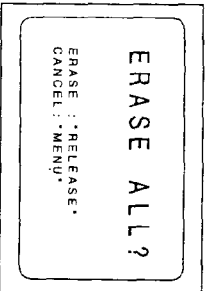
If You Selected the [ERASE] Option.

- 2 Slide the zoom button to select the target image and press the shutter release button. Repeat step 3 as many times as required to delete additional images one by one.



If You Selected the [ERASE ALL] Option

- 2 Press the shutter release button.



Safety Precautions

Warning Symbols Used in this Manual

Various symbols and warnings are shown in this manual and on the camera to alert you and others to the safe operation of this equipment to prevent injuries and other damage.

Warning This symbol indicates matters that may lead to death or serious injury if ignored or incorrectly handled.

Caution This symbol indicates matters that may lead to injury or physical damage if ignored or incorrectly handled.

Sample Warnings

Warning The **!** symbol alerts you to actions that must be performed.

Prohibited The **⊘** symbol alerts you to prohibited actions. The **⊘** symbol may be combined with other symbols to indicate that a specific action is prohibited.

- Samples
- Touching prohibited
- Disassembly prohibited

Observe the following precautions to use this equipment safely.

Warning

Warning Turn off the power immediately if the equipment emits smoke or strange smells, or otherwise reacts abnormally. Remove the batteries as soon as possible, being careful to avoid electrical shocks or burns. If you are drawing power from a household electrical outlet, be sure to unplug the power cord from the outlet to avoid fire or electrical hazards. Discontinue use of the equipment immediately if it is malfunctioning. Contact the nearest service center at your earliest convenience.

Warning Turn off the power immediately if foreign matter (metallic objects, water or other liquids) reaches the interior of the equipment. Remove the batteries as soon as possible, being careful to avoid electrical shocks or burns. If you are drawing power from a household electrical outlet, be sure to unplug the power cord from the outlet to avoid fire or electrical hazards. Discontinue use of the equipment immediately if it is malfunctioning. Contact the nearest service center at your earliest convenience.

Warning



Do not come into contact with the contents of the LCD monitor if damaged. The countermeasures below should be implemented immediately in the following circumstances.

SKIN: If the LCD monitor contents contact skin, wipe off the affected area with a cloth and rinse it thoroughly with water. Finish off by washing with soap.

EYES: If the substances contact your eyes, flush the eyes with clean water for at least 15 minutes and obtain medical advice immediately.

INGESTION: If any amount of the substances is taken internally, rinse the mouth out thoroughly with water. Have the victim drink a copious amount of water and induce vomiting. Immediately seek medical assistance.



- Follow these precautions to prevent the batteries from leaking, overheating, combusting or exploding.
- Do not use batteries other than those specifically recommended for the equipment.
- Do not deposit the batteries in a fire, short-circuit the terminals, or attempt to disassemble, heat or recharge them. (Only nickel-cadmium (NiCad) or nickel-metal-hydride (NiMH) batteries are rechargeable.)
- Do not use a mix of battery types. Avoid mixing different styles or classifications, different batteries by the same manufacturer, or old batteries with new.
- Check that you install the batteries with the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals correctly oriented.
- Do not solder the batteries.



Do not mix rechargeable battery types or use cells with substantially different charge states.



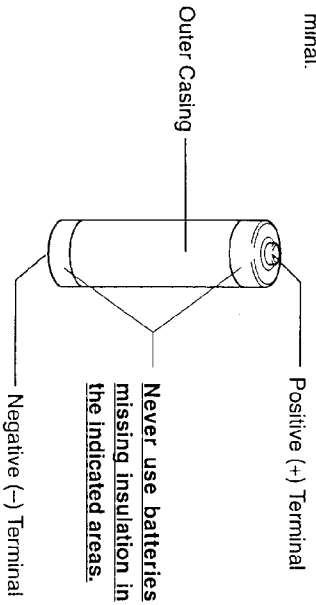
Keep the batteries used in this equipment out of the reach of children to prevent the accidental ingestion of harmful substances. Consumption of battery substances is extremely harmful to human beings. If swallowed, seek immediate medical assistance.

Warning



Use of batteries in the following condition must be halted to avoid the potential for leaks, overheating, combustion, explosions and short circuits.

- Do not use batteries missing insulation around the negative (-) terminal.



- Do not use batteries with damaged or missing outer casings.



- Keep the equipment out of the reach of children. Their inability to read and understand warnings and safety precautions may lead to accidents.



- Do not touch the internal components of the equipment if they become exposed as a result of being dropped or damaged. The high-voltage circuitry in the equipment could lead to an electrical shock. Remove the batteries as soon as possible if the situation arises, being careful to avoid electrical shocks or burns. Take the equipment to the distributor or a service center if it incurs damage.



- Do not attempt to disassemble, repair or alter the equipment yourself. The high-voltage circuitry in the equipment poses significant electrical hazard.



- Do not use the equipment in a bathroom or shower. It poses the risk of fire or electrical hazards.

Warning



- Do not use the equipment near flammable gases, gasoline, benzene, thinners or similar substances to avoid the risk of explosions, fire and burns.

- Do not use the equipment in aircraft or other locations in which usage is restricted or prohibited. Such usage may lead to disasters or accidents.




- Wipe dust accumulations off the electrical plug, after removing it from the electrical outlet, to reduce the potential for fire.
- Use only the specified AC adapters for this equipment (AC-2, AC-2100 -sold separately) in household electrical outlets. Other adapters pose the risk of fire, electrical shock and injury.





- To avoid the risk of fire, electrical shock or injury, do not use the AC adapter with generic voltage transformers when traveling abroad.


Observe the following precautions in order to use this unit safely.


⚠ Caution

 ● Contact with fluid leaked from a battery can burn skin. Wash the area with water (only) immediately if part of your body is in contact with a damaged battery. (Do not use soap.) If a battery starts to leak, remove it immediately from the equipment and wipe the battery chamber thoroughly before you replace the battery with a new cell.

 ● Plug power cords securely into electrical outlets. Loose cords pose a fire hazard.

 ● Do not allow the camera to get wet. In addition, do not operate it with wet hands. Both pose the risk of electrical shocks.

 ● Do not fire the flash at drivers of vehicles, such as bicycles, cars, buses and trains. The disruption may cause traffic accidents.

 ● Do not grasp batteries with metallic tweezers, which may form a short circuit and pose fire or electrical hazards.

Safety Warnings about Accessories

● Safety warnings about optional accessories, such as the remote control and AC adapters, are shipped with each product and should be read thoroughly before operating the equipment.