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Canon XL2

3CCD DIGITAL VIDEO CAMCORDER

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The Canon XL2. Born of the highly successful XL1. An engineering marvel designed for the video and film pro. An interchangeable lens system in a category all by itself. A superior imaging system. Open architecture for expandability and customization. And now, open architecture for manual and creative image control. Professional audio control. Ready when you are.

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60i Frame Rate

60 fields per second, interlaced, is the standard video frame rate for North American TV viewing

30p Frame Rate

30p, or 30 progressive, is a non-interlaced format, producing video at the rate of 30 full frames per second, delivering spectacular clarity per frame.

24p Frame Rate

24p, 24 frames per second progressive (both 2:3 and 2:3:3:2 pull down), produces video with the look and motion of film. As well, the XL2 has 1/48th shutter speed in this frame rate which exactly matches a film camera.



Unsurpassed Image Quality

The Canon XL2. A powerful 20x professional fluorite lens. Access to a wealth of XL video lenses and to a world of Canon photographic lenses. A superior 3CCD progressive scan imaging system delivering outstanding picture quality, highly accurate color reproduction and a wide dynamic range. Selectable frame rates and independent manual controls to create your own cine look. Whatever you're shooting, from TV documentaries to Indies, the XL2 is ready.

16:9 Wide Aspect Ratio



aspect ratio for the common TV screen plus the popular 16:9 widescreen ratio.

As the market shifts to home theatre systems that include widescreen TVs, demand is increasing for programs that deliver the full width of film-based theatrical movies. Canon's XL2 delivers both the standard 4:3

Progressive Scan 3CCD System

The XL2 features a 3 CCD system with a separate progressive scan CCD (charge-coupled device) for each primary color (red, green and blue). Each CCD contains 680,000 pixels. Together they deliver outstanding image quality, highly accurate color reproduction and a wide dynamic range.



Interchangeable Lens System

Canon is the only company to offer a MiniDV format camcorder with interchangeable lenses. The XL2 offers you the ability to change lenses from the XL series of lenses or Canon's extensive range of photographic lenses. The Canon XL series of lenses includes a powerful 20x Zoom Lens, 16x Automatic Lens, 16x Manual Lens and a 3x Wide Angle Lens. The 20x lens (standard) features the finest optics with fluorite achieving the famous "L-series" designation plus Super Range Optical Image Stabilization, zoom and focus presets and built-in neutral density filters. Fluorite provides outstanding resolution, contrast and color reproduction and delivers the ultimate in clarity and image quality by reducing color aberration. Canon's superb Optical Image Stabilization system corrects camera shake instantly while maintaining the integrity of the image unlike some electronics image stabilizers. By incorporating a gyro sensor to detect camcorder vibration and control a vari-angle prism Canon's system continuously corrects the path of incoming light to the CCD image sensor to ensure smooth,



steady video even at telephoto. Super Range uses feedback from the camera to accelerate and refine the



movement of the prism for the most advanced image stabilization available. The 16x IS II Lens also with Super Range Optical Image Stabilization resolves to more than 600 TV lines to record extraordinary sharp images. For wide angle imaging, Canon offers the 3x Wide Angle Lens with resolution in excess of 600 TV lines, while the 16x Mechanical Servo Zoom Lens gives you the flexibility of calibrated focus and zooms. For added optical lens magnification, apply Canon's 1.6x Extender between the camcorder and the zoom lens.



3 Frame Rates

The XL2 meets the demands being made on the video production community to provide solutions under a multitude of different scenarios.



Using Canon's optional EF Adapter opens the XL2 to a wealth of Canon EOS EF photographic lenses, a tremendous super-telephoto boon to those producing wildlife, astronomy or surveillance videos.



For Your Creative Vision

The Canon XL2. Puts the control of your vision in your hands, where it belongs. You've got the power to manipulate the image just the way you want. Start with **white balance**, shutter speeds and aperture control. Create a cine look, with control of all the nuances, from **gamma** and **knee** to **coring** and **hue**. Adjust the **setup level**, **skin detail** and **gain**. The XL2 is designed to deliver **creative image control** when you want it, how you want it. The XL2: ready, willing and able.

Total Image Control



Master RGB Gain

The Master RGB control offers 13 steps of adjustment to each of the red, green and blue components of the video signal.



Set Up Level

For professional fine tuning of the image, the IRE setup level of the XL2 can be adjusted in 13 steps.



Master Pedestal

The Master Pedestal, which is the starting point of the gamma curve, can be adjusted in 13 steps.



Skin Detail

You can adjust hue, chroma, area, and Y level to determine the skin area and soften detail to reduce the appearance of skin imperfections. A zebra pattern identifying the skin area appears, which alternates with the normal picture.



Gain

The following video gain settings can be selected: -3, 0, +3, +6, +12, and +18 dB, as well as automatic adjustment.

XL2 Cine



Gamma

The gamma curve of the image can be adjusted independently for a "video look" (Normal) or a "film look" (Cine).

Knee (H/M/L)

The highlight area level is adjustable (High, Middle, or Low) using the XL2's knee circuit.

Black

Control the depth of black in the dark areas of an image. You can emphasize contrast in the video's dark areas (by selecting "Stretch") or deepen or enhance the dark area (by selecting "Press").

Color Matrix

You can change from a video (Normal) look to a film (Cine) look.

Vertical Detail

There are 2 settings: "Normal" for vertical detail optimized for playback on an interlaced monitor, "Low" for a progressive scan monitor like a PC.

Sharpness

Change the degree of sharpness in the image. Images that do not require a lot of detail can be softened, such as imperfections during close-ups.

Coring

Helps decrease image "noise" by reducing fine detail information that is not a major contributor to the picture detail.

Noise Reduction

Remove video noise—non-picture artifacts such as those commonly found in low-light images—without hurting image detail or creating motion artifacts.

Color Gain

Adjustable in 13 steps, from off to oversaturated, this adjustment will let you shoot in black and white, for example.

Color Phase

Adjust the Color Phase of the image towards red or green for exact control.

Film Grain

To simulate the graininess normally experienced when shooting on film, you can use the XL2's film grain effect.

With increasing emphasis placed on delivering the cine look to video, the XL2 offers you the ability to customize your video recordings using a number of variables, each one can be adjusted independently, giving precise control over the "film-like" appearance of your video.



Exposure Control & White Balance



Programmed Auto Exposure Modes provide automated, advanced recording settings for professional results in various shooting conditions. There are a variety of AE programs available: **Auto**, **Shutter-Priority**, **Aperture-Priority**, **Full Manual**, **Spotlight**, **Low Light** and **Easy Recording**.

Using **AE Shift**, you can add or subtract a bit of exposure, making slight adjustments to the image brightness to compensate for backlighting or for scenes that are being rendered slightly overexposed. With **AE Lock**, you can hold the exposure at a particular setting, preventing unplanned exposure changes with a moving subject, for instance.



The XL2 offers you **Automatic White Balance** (including a fully automated mode, an indoor mode and an outdoor mode), and manual white balancing. The camera also gives you the option of setting and saving up to three white balance presets that can be reused for non-sequential shooting.





Intuitive Operation

Within moments of putting the XL2 to work, it's logically-designed controls will have you "at home" with its operation.

Color Viewfinder

The XL2's color viewfinder displays 16:9 Letterbox, as well as full screen 4:3. The viewfinder can be shifted from side-to-side, as well as front to back. Best of all, the viewfinder easily converts to a fully functional 2" LCD monitor.

Zebra Pattern

Displayed in the viewfinder but not recorded, Zebra stripes can be made to appear over any area that is overexposed. This helps guide aperture and shutter speed adjustment. Settings are 80, 85, 90, 95, and 100 IRE.

Zoom Control

The XL2 features zoom controls on both the side grip as well as the carrying handle. On the side grip, choose from variable zoom (pressure controlled) or one of 16 constant zoom speeds.

Custom Keys

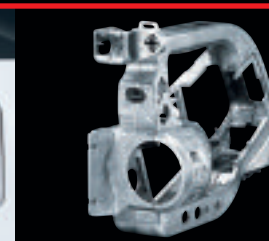
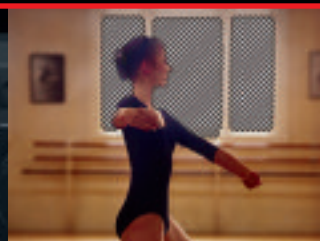
You can assign frequently used functions to two easily accessible buttons, allowing the XL2 to better match your shooting preferences or environment.

Custom Presets

Each of three custom presets can be assigned any one of a number of functions, accessible at the touch of a button, for faster and easier camera operation. These presets can be transferred to another XL2 using the IEEE1394 connection.

Durable Design

The XL2, designed for extensive field use, features a chassis mounted on a single durable magnesium alloy frame, providing protection from external shock. A dust gasket on the tape door offers added protection.



Maximize the Performance

The Canon XL2. Designed to bring out your professional side. Outstanding image quality. Remarkable image control. Interchangeable lenses.

Selectable aspect ratio. Selectable frame rates. On-camera XLR and BNC connectors. 4 channel independent audio control.

SMPT E time code. An outstanding design.

The list goes on. The Canon XL2 is ready for you.



Recording Options

The XL2's **Clear Scan** feature is designed to record a computer CRT screen or similar equipment without displaying a black band or flicker on the screen. The camera can adjust shutter speeds, allowing you to perfectly match the CRT's scan rate. The **Interval Timer** can be programmed to record at various intervals for varying amounts of time. This is time lapse motion videography. Set intervals include: 30 seconds; 1 minute; 5 minutes; 10 minutes. Set recording times include: 0.5 second; 1.0 second; 1.5 seconds; 2.0 seconds. When specific accessories compatible with the **Advanced Accessory Shoe** are attached, the XL2 can exchange data with them and supply power directly to them. These accessories include the **VL-3 Video Light**, **VFL-1 Video Flash Light** (only light is functional on the XL2), **DM-50 Directional Microphone**, as well as the **MA-300 Microphone Adapter** that lets you connect two additional XLR connector microphones.

Audio Control

The XL2 has individual **gain controls** for each of the **4 audio channels**. Along with these controls, there are various switches to **automatic or manual level recording**, select **different inputs** and **attenuation**. The audio level can be monitored in the viewfinder and the side of the camcorder by the built-in **VU meters**. There is a headphone terminal with level control for monitoring the audio when recording or playback.

XLR Audio Inputs



The XL2 has **two built-in XLR connectors** on the camera body for professional and high-end audio equipment. For more creative control, Canon offers the optional **MA-300 Microphone Adapter**, with two additional XLR connectors.

Professional Features

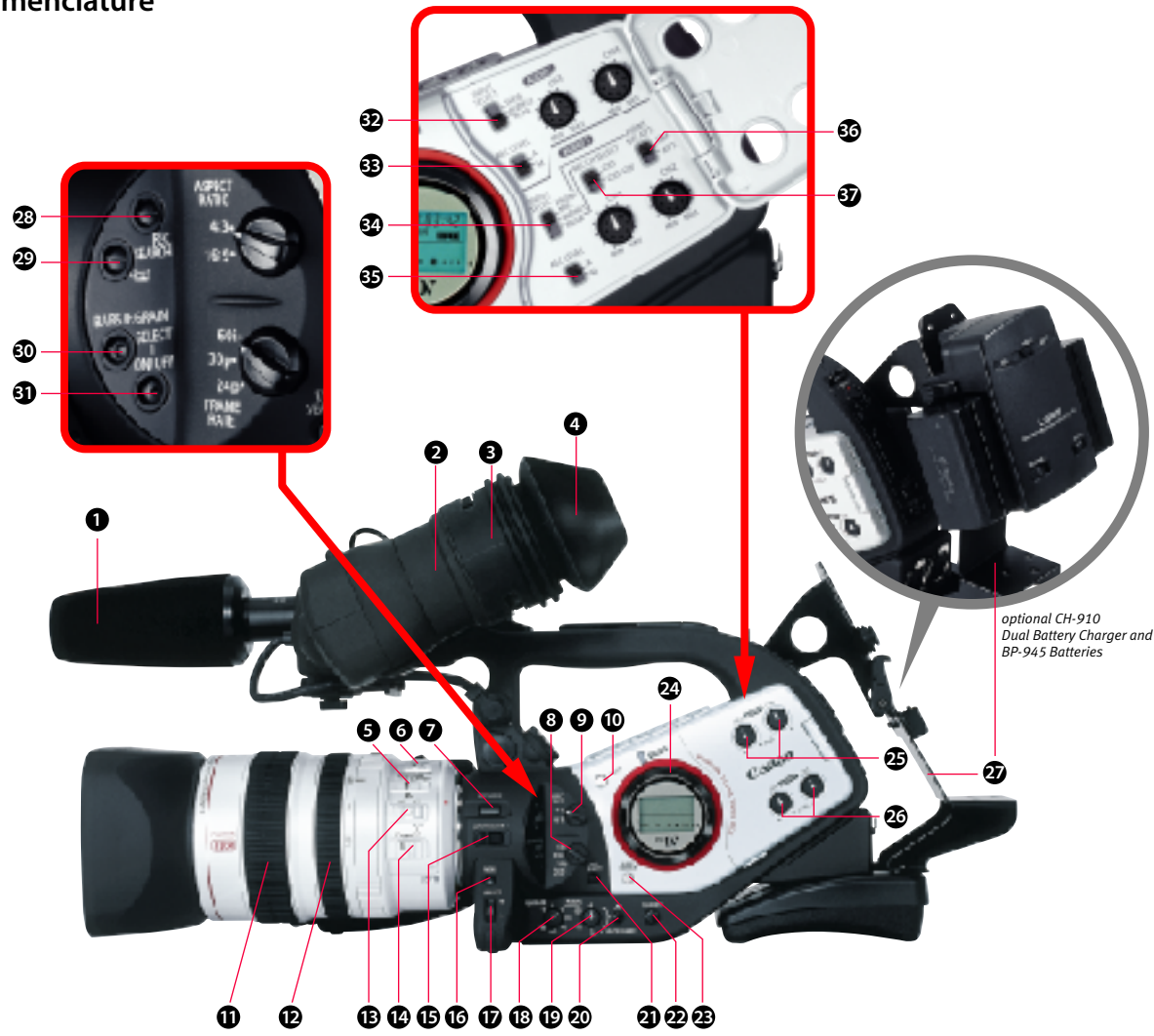
The XL2 can generate **SMPT E color bars**, and a **1KHz reference tone**. On top of that, the camera can record a **SMPT E time code** on the tape (drop, non-drop, rec run, free run, user bit). For specialized applications the date and time can be burned onto the video. The XL2 also has **BNC**, **RCA**, and **S-video** terminals.

Advanced Viewfinder Settings

The XL2's viewfinder has **three indicators** which light up to alert you of vital camcorder settings and operations (Shutter, Rec, Gain). In addition, all viewfinder display information can be removed, providing you with a clear, unobstructed viewing area.

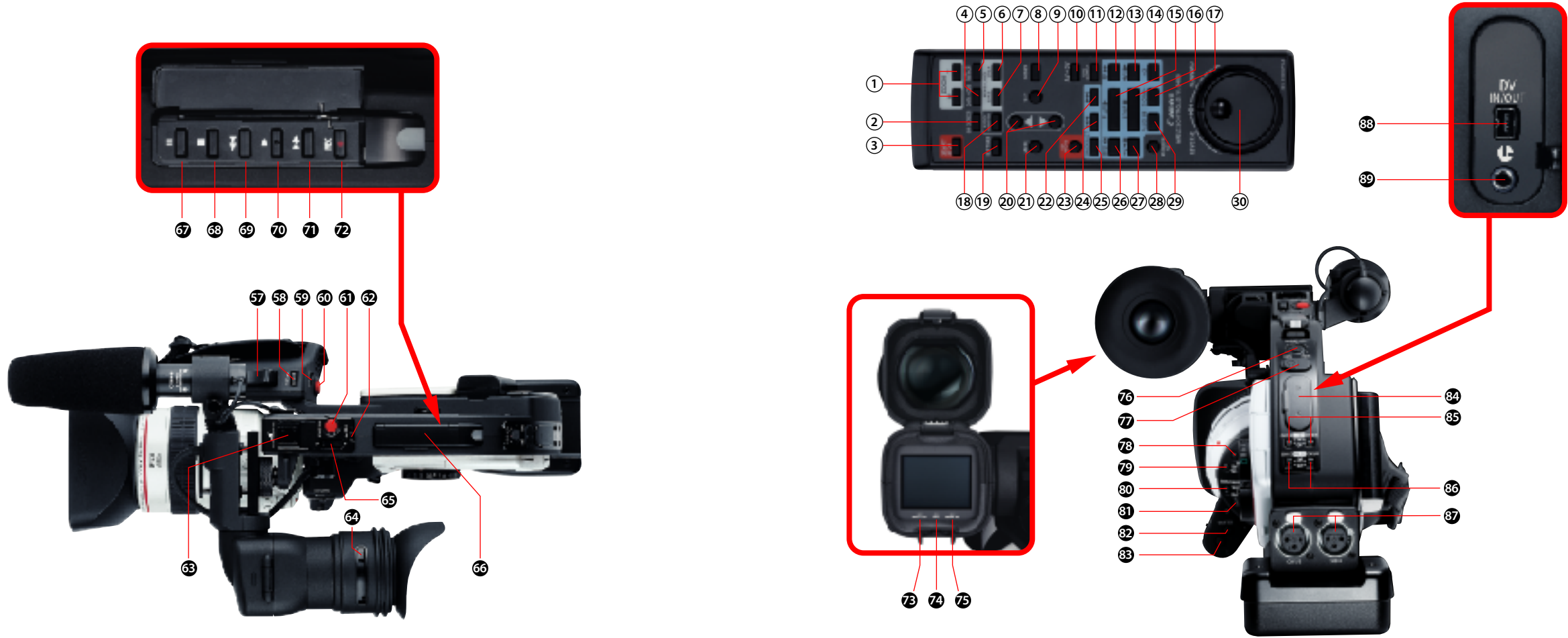


Nomenclature



- 1 Stereo Microphone
- 2 Viewfinder Focusing Ring
- 3 Viewfinder
- 4 Eye Cup
- 5 Position Preset Switch
- 6 STABILIZER Switch
- 7 EXP. LOCK Button
- 8 FRAME RATE Selector Switch
- 9 ASPECT RATIO Selector Switch
- 10 LIGHT
- 11 Focusing Ring
- 12 Zooming Ring
- 13 ND Filter Switch
- 14 Auto/Manual Focus Switch
- 15 LENS RELEASE Switch
- 16 MENU Button
- 17 IRIS SELECT Dial
- 18 GAIN Dial
- 19 WHITE BALANCE Selector Knob
- 20 WHITE BALANCE Set Button
- 21 END SEARCH Button
- 22 STANDBY Button
- 23 AUDIO MONITOR Button
- 24 POWER Dial
- 25 CH3/CH4 LEVEL Dial (AUDIO2)
- 26 CH1/CH2 LEVEL Dial (AUDIO1)
- 27 Adapter Holder
- 28 REC SEARCH + Button
- 29 REC SEARCH -/Record Review Button
- 30 BARS/F.GRAIN SELECT Button
- 31 BARS/F.GRAIN ON/OFF Button
- 32 INPUT SELECT (CH3, CH4) Switch
- 33 REC LEVEL (CH3, CH4) Switch
- 34 INPUT SELECT (CH1, CH2) Switch
- 35 REC LEVEL (CH1, CH2) Switch
- 36 FRONT MIC ATT. Switch
- 37 REC CH SELECT Switch
- 38 Strap Mount
- 39 Shoulder Pad
- 40 BATT. RELEASE Button
- 41 Cassette Compartment
- 42 Backup Battery Compartment
- 43 Main Battery
- 44 AE SHIFT Dial
- 45 Grip Belt
- 46 S-video Terminal
- 47 Video Terminal (BNC)
- 48 RCA/BNC Selector
- 49 Video Terminal (RCA)
- 50 AUDIO 2 RCA Terminal
- 51 AUDIO 1 RCA Terminal
- 52 EVF DISPLAY Button
- 53 CUSTOM KEYS
- 54 EJECT Switch
- 55 CUSTOM PRESET ON/OFF Button
- 56 CUSTOM PRESET SELECT Button

Nomenclature



- 57 Grip Zoom Lever
- 58 Zoom Speed Dial
- 59 Variable/Constant Zoom Switch
- 60 REC START/STOP Button
- 61 REC START/STOP Button
- 62 Lock Lever
- 63 Advanced Accessory Shoe
- 64 Dioptic Adjustment Lever
- 65 Handle Zoom Lever
- 66 Operation Panel
- 67 PAUSE Button
- 68 STOP Button
- 69 REW Button
- 70 PLAY Button
- 71 FF Button
- 72 REC Button
- 73 SHUTTER Indicator
- 74 REC Indicator
- 75 GAIN UP Indicator
- 76 PHONE LEVEL Dial
- 77 HEADPHONES Terminal
- 78 REC SEARCH + Button
- 79 REC SEARCH - /Record Review Button
- 80 BARS/F.GRAIN SELECT Button

- 81 BARS/F.GRAIN ON/OFF
- 82 SHUTTER Speed Button
- 83 SHUTTER Speed Button
- 84 DV/REMOTE (LANC) Terminal Door
- 85 +48V Switches
- 86 MIC ATT. Switches
- 87 XLR Input Terminals
- 88 DV Terminal
- 89 REMOTE (LANC) Terminal

REMOTE CONTROL

- 1 ZOOM Buttons
- 2 ON SCREEN Button
- 3 START/STOP Button
- 4 DATA CODE Button
- 5 ZERO SET MEMORY Button
- 6 MIX BALANCE CH2/4 Button
- 7 MIX BALANCE CH1/3 Button
- 8 INDEX Button
- 9 SET Button
- 10 AV-DV Button
- 11 END SEARCH Button
- 12 FF Button
- 13 (Frame Advance) Button
- 14 x2 Button
- 15 PLAY Button
- 16 STOP Button
- 17 SLOW Button
- 18 AUDIO MONITOR Button
- 19 SELF TIMER Button
- 20 Cursor Keys
- 21 MENU Button
- 22 SEARCH Button
- 23 REC PAUSE Button
- 24 SEARCH Button
- 25 SEARCH SELECT Button
- 26 REW Button
- 27 (Frame Rewind) Button
- 28 REMOTE SET Button
- 29 PAUSE Button
- 30 Jog/Shuttle Dial

Optional Accessories



16x Zoom Lens XL 5.5-88mm f/1.6-2.6

Includes features like a variable angle prism for image stabilization, ND filter, manual focus, zoom rings and a push AF function.



Wide-Angle 3x Zoom Lens XL 3.4-10.2mm f/1.8-2.2

High resolution exceeding 600 TV lines. It has an ND filter, manual focus and zoom ring.



16x Manual Servo Zoom Lens XL 5.4-86.4mm

This manual lens gives you the flexibility of calibrated power zoom, power iris, 2 built-in ND filters and calibrated manual focus.



Extender XL 1.6 x

Increases the focal length of the XL2 lens by 1.6x.



EF Lenses

Select from over 50 high-quality Canon EF Lenses, ranging from Fisheye to Super Telephoto to a choice of versatile zoom models.



EF Adapter XL

Allows the attachment of over 50 Canon photographic EF lenses to the XL2. (Magnification: 7.8x in 16:9, 9.6x in 4:3)



FS-72U Filter Set

Includes Neutral Density (ND 8), Polarizing and Ultraviolet filters.



DM-50 Directional Stereo Microphone

The DM-50 is a directional stereo mic which connects to the XL2's Advanced Accessory Shoe, no cables or additional power is required.



MA-300 Microphone Adapter

Providing power and audio connection without any wires.



FU-1000 Monochrome CRT Viewfinder Unit

Professional style 1.5 inch monochrome CRT.



TA-100 Tripod Adapter

TA-100 Tripod Adapter allows you to quickly mount/dismount the XL2 on or from a tripod.



VFL-1 Video Flash Light

Attaches to the Advanced Accessory Shoe for cable-free operation. The flash feature is not compatible with the XL2.



VL-3 Video Light

Ideal for "filling" in shadows on bright days or providing extra brightness in low-light situations.



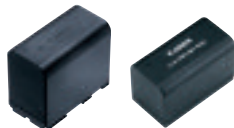
VL-10LI Battery Video Light

With its 10-watt illumination, improves lighting and image quality whether you are shooting indoors or out.



ZR-1000 Zoom Remote Controller

Controls Start/Stop, Focus, On-Screen, Record Search (+/-). Variable and Single Speed Zoom.



Lithium Ion Battery Packs BP-945/BP-930

These high capacity lithium ion battery packs allow the longest running time available.



CH-910 Dual Battery Charger

It holds two lithium ion batteries. Can charge them consecutively or supply power to the camcorder.



CB-920 Car Battery Adapter

Power your camcorder using the DC-920 or changing lithium-ion battery packs from a car's cigarette lighter.



System Case HC-3200

A solid, lockable case that allows you to protect the contents of the kit.

Supplied Accessories

XL2 Camcorder Body • Zoom Lens 20x zoom XL 5.4-108mm L IS • Color Viewfinder • Lithium Battery (for Auto-Date) • WL-D4000 Wireless Controller • Two R03/AAA Batteries (for Wireless Controller) • Lens Cap • Lens Dust Cap • Lens Hood • Lens Soft Case • Camcorder Dust Cap • CA-920 Compact Power Adapter • AC Cable • DC-920 DC Coupler • BP-930 Battery Pack (with Terminal Cover) • SS-1000 Shoulder Strap • STV-150 Stereo Video Cable • S-150 S-Video Cable • Microphone • Adapter Holder • Instruction manual • Lens Instruction manual

Specifications

Power Supply: 7.2V DC (battery pack)

Power Consumption: 7.1W (recording with AF, 20x zoom XL 5.4-108 L IS mounted)

Television System: EIA standard (525 lines, 60 fields) NTSC color signal

Video Recording System: Two rotating heads, helical scan azimuth recording, DV System (Consumer digital VCR SD system) digital component recording

Audio Recording System: PCM digital recording: 16 bit (48 kHz/2 channels); 12 bit (32 kHz/4 channels) (synchronous 4-channel recording is possible)

Image Sensor: Size 1/3", approx. 680,000 pixels (total), Progressive Scan CCD x3 (charge-coupled device) with horizontal pixel shift

16:9 target area: approx. 460,000 pixels (962 x 480) x3 CCD, 0.289" diagonal

4:3 target area: approx. 350,000 pixels (720 x 480) x3 CCD, 0.236" diagonal

Tape Format: Video cassettes bearing the ^{Mini} DV mark

Tape Speed: SP: 0.74 ips (18.81mm/second), LP: 0.49 ips (12.56 mm/second)

Maximum Recording System: SP; 80 min., LP; 120 min.

Fast-forward/reverse Time: Approx. 2 minutes and 20 seconds (using 60-minute tape)

Viewfinder: 2.0-inch TFT color LCD; Approx. 200,000 pixels, RGB delta configuration

Microphone: Stereo electret condenser microphone

Frame Rate: 60i, 30p, 24p (2:3 & 2:3:3:2)

Lens Mount: XL interchangeable lens system

Image Stabilizer: Optical system (VAP), (20x zoom XL 5.4-108mm L IS installed)

Focusing System: TTL autofocus. Manual focusing possible (20x zoom XL 5.4-108mm L IS installed)

Minimum Object Distance: 20mm (Wide macro), 1m (entire zoom range); (20x zoom XL 5.4-108mm L IS installed)

White Balance: Auto white balance, pre-set white balance (indoor, outdoor) or custom white balance

Minimum Illumination: Approx. 5.5 lx (20x zoom XL 5.4-108mm L IS installed, auto mode, 60i frame rate, 4:3 aspect ratio, 1/60th second shutter)

Recommended Subject Illumination: More than 100 lx

Filter Diameter: 72mm (XL lens)

I/O Terminals (Level/Impedance):

DV Terminal: 4-pin connector (complies with IEEE1394); input/output switching

S-video Terminal: 4-pin mini-DIN; input/output switching 1 Vp-p/75 ohms (Y signal), 0.286 Vp-p/75 ohms (C signal)

Video Terminals: RCA pin jack; input/output switching/BNC jack; input/output switching 1 Vp-p/75 ohms unbalanced

Audio Terminal: RCA pin jack (L/R) 2 systems; input/output switching

Audio Signals: During input; Min. -10 dBV/47 kohms unbalanced

During output; Max. -10 dBV (for 47 kohm load)/3 kohm unbalanced

XLR Pin Jack (3-pin jack) 2 Systems: (input only) balanced -54 dBV (Auto)/600 ohms, -66 dBV (Auto/Gain up 12 dB), -66 dBV (Manual/Vol. Max), -78 dBV (Manual/Vol Max + Gain up 12 dB)

ATT: 20 dB

Front Microphone Input Terminal: ø3.5mm stereo mini-jack unbalanced

-55 dBV (Auto), -67 dBV (Manual/Vol Max)/600 ohms

Headphone Terminal: ø3.5 mm stereo mini-jack

-23.5 dBV (with 16 ohm load at maximum volume)/50 ohms

Editing (LANC) Terminal: ø2.5 mm stereo mini-jack

Accessory Shoe: Supports MA-300 Microphone Adapter

Operating Temperature: 32-104° F (0-40° C)

Dimensions (W x H x D): 8.9 x 8.7 x 19.5 in. (225 x 220 x 496mm)

Weight (Camcorder body only): 5.3 lbs. (2410g)

Total Equipped Weight: 7.8 lbs. (3545g)