

## Useful checklist

# Shop carefully for electronic gifts

A walk into a consumer electronics outlet often leaves the average shopper overwhelmed by the ever-changing models and features of today's popular products such as CD players, VCRs and camcorders.

To help you alleviate some of the confusion and decide what's important to you, use this checklist to guide you through this holiday shopping season.

Don't hesitate about having the retailer demonstrate the unit, if possible, to make sure you're getting the product which best fits your needs.

### Compact disc players

- **Random Access Programmability** — Choose favorite songs you want to hear in any order;
- **Wireless Remote Control** — So you can access most functions from your armchair;
- **Repeat Key** — Replay a single track, entire disc, or personally programmed selections;
- **Headphone Jack With Volume Control** — Listen in privacy;
- **Digital Filter** — Provides low distortion for clean sounding music;
- **Skip Function** — Skip directly to favorite tracks;
- **Search Function** — Search inward or outward at low and high speeds, with audible monitoring capability;
- **Recall Key** — Lets the user double check what's been programmed;
- **Multi-Disc** — Holds numerous discs at once in a cartridge for hours of continuous music;

• **Large Integrated Graphic Display** — Reveals valuable disc play and programming information at a glance;

• **Flexibility** — Units available for home, portable and car use.

### VHS video cassette recorders

• **High Quality (HQ)VHS** — Enhances quality of VHS image;

• **Hi-Fi Stereo Sound** — Provides excellent sound reproduction, virtually distortion free;

• **Three or Four Head System** — Allows for exciting special effects in the standard and super long play modes;

• **Cable-Compatible Tuner** — Simplifies cable hook-up;

• **On-Screen Display** — TV screen displays all clock-timer functions and help features, ensuring accuracy of settings;

• **Stand-By One Touch Recording** — Enables you to begin recording almost instantaneously at the touch of a button;

• **Wireless Remote Control** — Command most functions from around the room;

• **MTS Broadcast Stereo** — Built-in circuitry to take advantage of expanded stereo television sound (where available);

• **Bar Code Programming** — Pass a wireless pen-like scanner over a printed sheet of bar codes to set time and day of desired TV program. Info is beamed into the recorder by pushing button;

• **Built-In Power Amp** — Hook stereo speakers directly to VCR for great sound without the need for added hi-fi equipment;

• **Digital Special Effects** — Experience picture-in-picture and

TV memory capability. Camcorders

• **Standard VHS Format** — Allows not only playback of your recordings, but also of pre-recorded, full-length VHS movies;

• **Compact VHS Format** — Cassettes and units in general are smaller than standard VHS format, and recording time per cassette is also reduced. Compatible with VHS playback systems;

• **Low Light Sensitivity** — Recordings with high resolution and

outstanding picture quality even under low lighting conditions;

• **Automatic Iris** — Adjusts unit automatically to changing lighting conditions;

• **High-Speed Shutter** — Provides exceptional blur-free slow/still motion for analyzing fast-paced action;

• **Power Zoom Lens** — Look for smooth zooming capability and quick framing action from wide-angle to telephoto;

• **Instant Playback** — Recordings can be played back from the

unit itself for "on location" viewing;

• **Full Automatic White Balance Control** — Color balance automatically and continuously adjusts to ensure true-to-life colors;

• **High Quality (HQ)System** — Enhances sharpness of image;

• **Flying Erase Head** — For clean cuts between scenes without video break-up;

• **Audio Dubbing/Video Dubbing** — Complete the recording by adding video footage or audio tracks.



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