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#### About your device



Your DVD recorder is a digital video player and recorder. Thanks to its tuner you can record TV programmes on DVD+R and DVD+RW discs or on the 80 Gb integrated hard disc for the DTH 8540 or 160 Gb hard disc for the DTH 8550. It can play the majority of 8 cm and 12 cm discs, with the exception of DVD Rom, DVD Ram, et DVD audio.

#### Precautions to take

• Ensure that the mains supply in your house complies with that indicated on the identification sticker located at the back of your device • Install your device horizontally, on a suitable base (furniture), with enough space around it for ventilation (7 to 10 cm) • Ensure that the ventilation slots, and the device itself, are not covered by objects such as a mat, newspapers, curtain, etc. • Do not stack any other equipment on top of your DVD recorder • Do not place the device on top of an amplifier or any other equipment that gives off heat • The appliance should not be in contact with liquids or exposed to the risk of dripping or splashing. Therefore be careful not to place any object containing a liquid (vase, glass, bottle...) on or near your appliance • The DVD recorder must not be near or exposed to a flame. For instance, do not place a candle on or near the device • Protect the DVD recorder from moisture and excess heat (e.g. fireplace) or equipment creating strong magnetic or electric fields (i.e. speakers...) • Before moving the device, ensure the disc tray is empty. Switching off the DVD recorder to the stand-by mode does not disconnect the electricity supply. In order to separate the device completely from the mains, it has to be disconnected by unplugging the mains plug. When connecting, ensure that the plugs of the various cables are pushed securely into their corresponding sockets. Your DVD recorder is not intended for industrial use but for domestic purposes only. Use of this product is for personal use only. Copying CDs or downloading music files for sales or other business purpose is or may be a violation of copyright law.

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MAKE SURE THAT YOU BUY DISCS WITH THE «P» SYMBOL ON THE PACKAGING.



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Unplug the antenna cable from your TV set and plug it into the ANTENNA-CABLE IN socket of your DVD recorder.

2. Using the coaxial cable supplied, connect the ANTENNA-CABLE OUT socket of the DVD recorder to the antenna socket of your TV set. 3. Using a Peritel cable (Scart) [not supplied] connect connector AV1 (TV) of the DVD player to the Peritel (Scart) connector on the television set (labelled AV 1, EXT 1, AUX 1 depending on the brand). 4.

Use the mains cable to connect your DVD recorder to a mains socket, by first connecting the cable to the back of the DVD recorder. Note: connection to a satellite or cable receiver is detailed on page 14. 4 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 5 Connections and initial set up Placing the remote control in service Inserting the batteries 1 2 3 EN Using the remote control unit correctly When you use remote control, point the unit at the appliance you want to control (DVD recorder, TV set or satellite receiver). Ensure that there is no obstacle between the remote control unit and the appliance, otherwise the infrared signal carrying the remote control commands will be blocked.

To control your DVD recorder, ensure that the remote control unit is in DVD mode by pressing once on the DVD key before using any other keys. Placing the DVD recorder in service Switch on your DVD recorder and your TV set 1. Turn on your TV set. 2. Set your DVD recorder remote control unit in DVD mode by pressing once on the DVD key. 3. Switch on your DVD recorder by pressing the ON/STANDBY button on the front panel of the player. 4. The first time you turn on your DVD recorder, it will ask you to select a preferred language for the various displays via the menu which appears on your TV screen. If this menu is not displayed, on your TV screen select the AV socket to which you connected your DVD recorder.

Note: The player menus as well as the dialogues and subtitles of the DVDs will always be presented in the language you've chosen if it is available on the discs played. 5. Choose a language using the , M keys on the remote control then confirm by pressing OK. Note: the keys L M. Continue on the next page ... 5 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 6 Connections and initial set up Automatic channel search In each region, TV stations are broadcast on different channels. Your DVD recorder cannot be factory-set to receive the TV channels of your area.

You will have to set up the channels by following the automatic procedure recommended below. 6. Select your country of residence using the L or M keys, and press OK. Note: the arrows indicate that other countries are available. To find your country, use the L M buttons on your remote control.

7. On the screen that is displayed, the Automatic option is already selected. Press OK. 8. If you connected your devices as indicated on page 4, check that Antenna-Cable has been allocated to Antenna-Cable, otherwise change the allocation using the B key on the remote control.

For the other selections (AV2, AV3, AV4) leave them allocated to Nothing and continue to step 9. Note: other socket settings (adjust with the L M /C B keys). The AV2-SAT -CABL connection is intended for a satellite or cable receiver. The installation of a satellite or cable receiver is explained on page 8. AV3-Front and AV4 correspond to the IN or INPUT inputs of a device supplying Composite Video signals (CVBS) or S-Video. The Other option is for connection of another device (video recorder...). Nothing: If no device is connected to the socket concerned.

9. Then select the Done line with the M key, and press OK. 10. An installation window will appear. A cursor shows the progress in the set-up of the channels. You will need to wait a fair amount of time. When all the channels that you can receive in your area have been stored, 100 % is indicated. The number of channels found is indicated by XX channels found. Press OK. Continue on the next page .

.. Your DVD recorder is equipped with the AV Link function. This function simplifies channel set-up by downloading them from an AV Link or similar television set (Easy Link, Smart Link, Megalogic, etc.) which is already set up.

The channels downloaded in this way keep the same characteristics as those of your TV set (same number, name, etc.). Your DVD recorder's AV Link downloading function is enabled (factory setting). When first turning on the DVD recorder, if the television is turned on, it will download the channels already installed in your television set. If you wish to de-activate this function, see page 65.

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Rename: INFO key then in the grid, C, B, M or L keys to choose a name letter by letter in the list. Validate by pressing OK. Decoder adjustment: AV key (indicates that the images of the selected channel will be decrypted by a decoder, of the CANAL+ type, connected to connector AV2. The symbol of a decoder displayed alongside the name of the channel confirms the adjustment). EN 12. When all channels have been sorted to your liking, press the STOP key. 13.

Your DVD recorder has an automatic time (and date) setting function. In general, no setting is required on your part. If the time and date information are correct, select Done by pressing OK several times.

A message appears. It indicates that the installation of the channels are now complete. Press OK. The main menu of your DVD recorder appears. Clock setting AutoClock: If the time and date are incorrect, adjust the clock as described below, check that automatic time updating is activated.

The time setting of the DVD recorder is important for the correct functioning of your programmed recordings. 1. Select Year. Enter the year's 4 digits (press 2, 0, 0, 5 for 2005). 2.

Then enter the 4 digits of the date (press 1, 5, 0, 5 for 15th May). 3. Enter the 4 digits of the time (press 1, 1, 0, 6 for 11:06pm). Press B to display Yes for the auto clock. 4. Then press twice on OK. The Main Menu will appear again. Channel set-up is complete. Note: You can now use your DVD recorder and take advantage of its numerous functions. If you want to connect a satellite receiver to your DVD recorder, refer to page 14 for the recommended connection.

You can also complete your installation through the settings available in the System Options menu (refer to pages 64-65).



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These adjustments depend on the other devices that you are likely to connect to your DVD recorder. If you want to redo the automatic channel set-up, you will have to select Interactive setup in the Installation menu (in the Setup menu). 7 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 8 Connections and initial set up Add a satellite or cable receiver Your DVD recorder is designed to control either a cable or satellite receiver, this enables you to program the recording of satellite programmes simply by programming your DVD recorder. In this case, the device must be connected to the AV2 and IR SAT/CABL connections of the DVD recorder. Connect cables (5) (not supplied) and cable (6) the G-LINK cable (supplied) as shown below. Note: In grey: connections already carried out (connections from page 4), In black: new connections. TV set 5 DVD recorder 6 Satellite receiver IR controller cell Adjusting the G-LINK CABLE The IR (infrared) controller cell must face the receiver cell of the satellite receiver. You can locate the receiver cell of the satellite receiver by bringing its remote control as close as possible to the front of the device and trying to change channels.

Move the remote control one centimetre and try again. When the channel of the satellite receiver changes, locate the position on the front of the unit. Then install the IR controller cell as shown on the diagram below, facing the cell of the satellite receiver (1 or 2 cm away). If need be, use the adhesive supplied to stick the cell in place. 8 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.

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If the main menu is not displayed, press the MENU key on the remote control. 4. Select the Setup line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. 5. Select the Installation line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. The Interactive setup line is already selected. Press OK. EN 6. Choose a display language for the following screens. 7.

Select your country of residence using the L or M keys, and press OK. The Automatic line is already highlighted, press OK. The screen which appears is a set-up screen for the allocation of input terminals 8. If you connected your devices as indicated on page 8, check that AV2-SAT-CABL has been allocated to Satellite Receiver, or Cable Receiver otherwise change the allocation using the B key. Note: Cable Receiver or Satellite Receiver: to connect with a satellite or cable receiver terminal on the AV2 socket of your DVD recorder (connection shown on page 8). The other settings are explained on page 6. 9. Then select the line Done and press OK. Note: an installation window will appear. A cursor shows the progress in the set-up of the channels.

When all the channels that you can receive in your area have been stored, 100 % is indicated. Press OK. From now on, follow on-screen instructions appearing in the various windows. If need be, refer to the additional explanations given below. 9 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.

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Leave Yes selected and press OK. 11.

IR controller connection - Refer to the diagram on page 8, follow the instructions on the screen and press OK. 12. Enter the receiver code - Now key in your receiver's satellite code number (refer to the table on the next page), then press OK to validate. If the brand or model of your satellite or cable receiver is not shown, try other numbers in the list displayed. If unsuccessful, contact your retailer. Note: Your DVD recorder asks you to display channel 2 on the satellite receiver. However, with some receivers, it is preferable to display channel 0, 02 or 002. 13. Press OK to start the test - The DVD recorder sends a signal to your satellite receiver via the infrared controller cell. A configuration menu will appear as the satellite receiver positions itself on channel 12 (check that channel number 12 appears on the display panel of the satellite receiver, sometimes fleetingly, and even if no picture is visible on the TV screen).

If the satellite receiver is not on channel 12, select No with the C or B keys and press OK. Your DVD recorder sends a new command to the satellite receiver. (Several tests are possible, depending on the brand of your satellite receiver). If the satellite receiver goes on to channel 12, select Yes with the C or B keys and press OK. If unsuccessful, repeat the settings, starting at step 11, but with the satellite receiver positioned on channel 0, 02 or 002 instead of 2. A channel sorting window will appear. The picture of the selected channel is shown in the background. Refer to page 7 to sort the stored channels or set the time on your DVD recorder if necessary. Your DVD recorder is now ready to control your satellite receiver to program recordings. 10 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.

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The channels already stored will not be deleted. During the initial installation, if you carried out the automatic installation described on page 6, you do not need to carry out the steps shown on 12 and 13. 1. If the Main Menu is not displayed, press the MENU key. 2. Select the Setup line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. 3. Select the Installation line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. 4. Select the Manual Search line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate.

5. Select your country of residence using the L or M keys, and press OK. A set-up window will appear. The Standard line is highlighted. 6. Select your country's TV standard using the B. Note: the standards displayed depend on the country selected in step 5. FRANCE (LL') for France, EURO BG (BGH) for Western Europe. DKK' for Eastern Europe. I for the United Kingdom.

7. Select the Reception line using the L or M keys, and use the B key to choose the type of antenna. Reception through external antenna: select Antenna (Ch). Cable reception: select Cable (Ca). 8. Select the Channel line using the L or M keys. 9. Press PR+ to start the Manual search. The search starts. When a channel is found, the picture appears in the background.

The channel number is indicated (e.g.: Ch 06). next to the channel number. In If the channel is encoded, press AV to display the pictogram this case, plug a decoder into the blue AV2 connector of the DVD recorder. If the picture is poor, select Fine Tuning using L or M and adjust with PR+ or PR-. 10. When the picture and sound of the channel are good, select the line Save using L or M, and assign a channel number with PR+ or PR- or the number keys. Press OK to store the number that you have assigned to the channel. The Channel line is once again highlighted to start a new search.

Repeat the procedure from step 9 to search for a new channel or press MENU to exit the manual set-up. 12 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 13 Connections and initial set up Reinstalling channels (updating) If new channels make their way into the audiovisual scene, you will have to update your DVD recorder's list of channels. In such a case, start a new channel search from the installation menu. This set-up deletes all stored channels and resets all the channels that your DVD recorder can receive.

If you only want to set-up a single channel, refer to the manual search on page 12. 1. If the main menu is not displayed, press the MENU key on the remote control. 2. Select the Setup line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate.

3. Select the Installation line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. 4. Select the Channel search line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. An installation window will appear. A cursor shows the progress in the set-up of the channels. When all the channels that you can receive in your area have been stored, 100 % is indicated. Press OK to return to the Channel search line. Press MENU to return to the Main Menu. EN Sorting channels 1.

If the Main Menu is not displayed, press the MENU key. 2. Select the Setup line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. 3. Select the Installation line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. 4. Select the Channel List line using the L or M keys, and press OK to validate. Refer to the Channel Sorting paragraph to check or sort out the channels stored on your DVD recorder. 13 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 14 Connections and initial set up Other recommended connections With a cable or satellite receiver (or a decoder) Carry out the connection of cable 5 (not supplied).

TV set DVD recorder 5 Cable / satellite receiver In grey: connections already carried out (connections from page 4). 14 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 15 Connections and initial set up With a video recorder TV set Video recorder EN DVD recorder (not supplied) With a cable / satellite receiver and a video recorder Video recorder TV set Cable / satellite receiver DVD recorder (not supplied) 15 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 16 Connections and initial set up Sockets and cables There are several ways in which you can incorporate your DVD player into an Audio-Video system.

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The simplest of these is described on page 15.

This uses Scart-Peritel cables that combine Audio analogue connections for sound, and Video for the RGB image. This connection ensures the optimum image quality (like Y, U, V). If you cannot use Scart-Peritel sockets, the explanations on this and the following pages should enable you to choose the method of connection best suited to the sockets and appliances you have. Sound and image quality depend to a large extent on the types of connections used. 1 8 2 3 4 5 6

7 page 8 Peritel socket (scart) 1 - AV1 (audio - video Outputs) This socket allows you to transfer Audio and Video (sound and images) from your DVD recorder to a television set or other device (flat screen, audiovideo amplifier, etc.

) that is fitted with the same type of socket. The audio signal (sound) available from this socket is analogue stereo and the video signal (images) from the socket can be adapted according to the type of device that will reproduce them. You can select from among RGB, S-Video and Video in the system Option menu on page 65. In order to benefit from the best image quality, ensure that the RGB, 1H, 2H selector is positioned on RGB. Note: if you use Y, Pb/Cb Pr/Pb sockets also known as YUV), select the 1H or 2H position depending on the possibilities of the television set or monitor: · 1H for interlaced scan · 2H for progressive scan 2 - AV2 (audio - video Input and Output) This socket allows the sending of Audio Video (sound and images) from your DVD recorder to another device (satellite or cable receiver, ...) fitted with the same type of socket. If you have connected a cable or satellite receiver to this connector, in the system Options menu (on page 64) select the RGB setting in order to benefit from the best image quality for your recordings. Note: the Peritel socket is also known by the name of PÉritelévision or Scart.

The latter is an abbreviation of « Syndicat des Constructeurs d'Appareils Radioélectriques et de Télévision ». 16 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 17 Connections and initial set up Other Audio - Video connections If there is no Peritel-Scart socket available on the television, check to see if there are any other Video sockets (Components, S-Video or Composite) to connect your player by using the corresponding sockets. In this case, do not forget to also connect the player's Audio outputs (AUDIO OUT) to the Audio input sockets (AUDIO IN) on your television. 3 - Audio - Video Input Audio inputs (INPUT L, R) The analogue sound of an operating device (television set or amplifier) can be input via the 2 Audio sockets L and R of your DVD recorder. If you do not use the recommended connection, i.e. the Peritel (Scart) socket, you must, as well as the video connections (CVBS or S-VIDEO) connect the outputs Audio L and R of the operating device to the Audio L and R inputs of your DVD recorder. Note: the audio sockets and cables are generally identified by a colour code (white for the left channel and red for the right). EN RCA sockets and cables for L and R analogue audio signal.

Video in - Composite (CVBS) (COMPOSITE VIDEO INPUT) The yellow video socket is also called composite video, or CVBS. The image quality provided by this socket is less than all the other video sockets. Only use this socket if all the other sockets are already in use. RCA socket and cable for CVBS Video signal also called Composite. 4 - Audio - Video Output Audio outputs (OUTPUT L, R) The digital sound output from a disc being read is permanently available at the two audio sockets, L and R, of your DVD recorder.

If you do not use the recommended Peritel (Scart) connection to the television (paragraph 3 on page 4), you must, as well as one of the video connections (CVBS or S-VIDEO) connect the Audio outputs, L and R, of your DVD recorder to the Audio inputs, L and R, of your television set (or amplifier). Note: audio sockets and cables are usually identified by a colour code (white for the left channel and red for the right channel). RCA sockets and cables for L and R analogue audio signal. Composite Video Out socket (CVBS) (COMPOSITE VIDEO OUTPUT) RCA socket and cable for CVBS Video signal also called Composite. The yellow video socket is also called composite video, or CVBS.

The image quality delivered by the video socket is the least good of all video connections. Only use this socket if all the other sockets are already occupied. 17 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 18 Connections and initial set up 5 - Composite Video Outputs (Y, Pb/Cb, Pr/Cr) (YUV) The Y, Pb/Cb, Pr/Cr sockets deliver an optimum image quality due to the separation of the video signal into three separate components (comparable with RGB separation in a Scart-Peritel cable). Note: the available video signal on these 3 sockets depends on the selection made at the rear (1H or 2H) of your player (page 16). The available signal can be Y, Cb, Cr (1H) for a progressive interlaced or Y, Pr, Pb (2H) for a non interlaced progressive signal (no frame interleave). RCA sockets and cables for Y, Pb/Cb, Pr/Cr Video signals, also called Component. In order to obtain the best possible image quality, always use very high quality cables for the connections. Your dealer can provide YUV cables that are sold together and come in the standard colour codes (red, green and blue) used for these types of sockets and cables. Note: do not forget to also connect the audio cables, because Component cables only transmit images, and not sound.

6 - S-Video Input and Output S-Video input (Y/C) (S-VIDEO IN) The S-Video signal is of a lesser quality than that of the RGB signal supplied by the Peritel (Scart) socket. An S-Video signal however provides a better quality image than a composite Video (CVBS) socket, because colour (C) is separated from black and white (Y) in the video signal. Note: do not forget to connect the audio cables since the S-Video cable transmits only images, not sound. Ushiden socket and cable for Y/C Video signal, also called S-Video. S-Video out socket (Y/C) (S-VIDEO OUT) The S-Video cable provides a video signal of lower quality than the Peritel (Scart) socket. An S-Video signal however provides a better quality image than a composite Video (CVBS) socket, because colour (C) is separated from black and white (Y) in the video signal. Note: do not forget to also connect the audio cables, because the S-Video cable transmits images and not sound. Ushiden socket and cable for Y/C Video signal, also called S-Video. 7 - Optical Audio Output (digital sound) The digital sound of a DVD Video disk when played is permanently available on the optical socket of your player. Use this socket by connecting it to a decoder or Dolby Digital amplifier or DTS.

Optical socket and cable for digital audio signal. 8 - Digital Audio Video outputs (DTH 8550) The HDMI socket permanently delivers very high quality digital sound and pictures.



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This connection is strongly recommended with a digital television which is fitted with the same socket and is compatible. 18 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 19 Connections and initial set up The front of your player recorder Access to sockets The sockets located behind the trapdoor on the facade enable easy connection to view or copy images and sound from a camcorder or a memory card reader.

1 EN 2 3 4 1 - DV IN socket (input) This socket, also known as an IEEE 1394, allows the display and/or copying of sound and images from a digital video camera Note: to display the images, select DV-CAM in the main menu 2 - USB socket The USB socket is used to read and/or copy JPEG images or mp3 files from a compatible device. Note: Recognised players: USB 1.1 MASS STORAGE CLASS . 3 - AV sockets (Audio - Video inputs) The AUDIO-VIDEO connectors allow the viewing or copying of your video sequences from a camcorder or any other AV device that provides a composite video signal and analogue stereo sound. Note: View the images using the AV key.

4 - S-Video socket (Video input) For the connection of a Camcorder or other S-Video device. Note: do not forget to connect the audio cables since the S-Video socket handles only images and not sound. View the images using the AV key. 19 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 20 Connections and initial set up The buttons on the front 11 10 1 2 3456 78 9 1 ON/STANDBY - To switch your DVD recorder on or off. 8 AV - To select the audiovisual sources (channels or devices connected to the AV sockets): PR 1 ,2 ,3 - Channel 1, 2, 3. AV 1 - Device connected to AV1 (television set). AV 2 - Device connected to AV2 (satellite receiver, decoder, ...

). AV 3 - Sockets AUDIO/VIDEO on the front. AV 4 - Sockets AV (S-VIDEO or AUDIO/VIDEO) at the back. 2 3 G REV / FWD F Fast forward or reverse (page 43). PLAY / PAUSE - To play a disc placed in the disc tray (11) of the DVD recorder. - Pause during playback (audio CD or mp3) or pause on an image (DVD). 4 5 DVD REC - To record to the DVD+R/+RW disc. STOP - To stop play (press once) or to stop recording in progress using the Channels menu (press twice). 9 PR- IC SKIP BI PR+ C To change channels (page 26). Skips forward or back a channel (page 44).

10 DISPLAY PANEL - Displays your DVD recorder's modes of operation (page 21). - Adjusting the time 6 7 OPEN/CLOSE - To open and close the disc tray. DVR REC - To record to the hard disc. To start recording a TV programme (the red indicator lights up) and if necessary to adjust recording time by pressing repeatedly. Each press on the RECORD key extends recording time by 30 minutes.

0h30 1h00 1h30 2h00 2h30 3h00 11 Disc tray. 20 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 21 Connections and initial set up The messages on the display TV Functions - Main menu of the recorder on the screen (device stopped). No function selected. - Real-time viewing.

TV mode activated; channel 1 being watched. - Example of a device connected to the AV1 or AV2 (SAT ou CABLE if a satellite installation has been carried out). EN - Start of recording of TV program on selected channel. - Channel 1 currently being recorded. With a disc being played - DVD playback. - Playback of an Audio CD or VCD. - Pause of Audio CD or still frame (DVD,VCD). - Fast forward (B) or reverse (C). - Slow motion, forward (KB) or backward (CK). - DVD+R or DVD+RW blank disc being prepared for recording.

- Disc, title or file being copied from the DVD+R/+RW to the DVR. 21 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 22 Connections and initial set up Other indications - Naviclick programmes guide displayed on the screen. - Recording error or programming error - Indicates the Lock function is activated. (page 62). - Indication of the selected source: - AV 2: AUDIO/VIDEO input connector at the rear. - AV 3: AUDIO/VIDEO input sockets on the front. - AV 4: AV/ S-VIDEO or AUDIO/ VIDEO input sockets at the rear. - Display of digital video from a video camera connected to the DV-IN socket on the front. About other displays (menus and banners) - The disc menus Each DVD video disc offers menus and for which the presentation and organisation depends on the disc's editor.

The disc menu is displayed on the screen when a DVD disc is loaded and it starts to play. You can also, at any time, display the main menu of the disc by using the MENU button. - Player banners while a disc is playing you can display or remove banners using the INFO key on the remote control unit. The banners appear in the form of a succession of icons at the top of the screen (page 42). - Player menus your DVD recorder has menus enabling you to use functions that are not accessible using the remote control unit keys.

The main Menu of the player is displayed when there is no disc playing (in STOP mode). Note: settings will only function if the corresponding function has been provided by the editor. For instance, if you select the subtitle icon in the banner, subtitles will only appear if they actually exist on the disc. Check the sleeve to see what subtitles are provided. Check the jacket to see whether there are any subtitles.

If a menu or icon appears in "grey" it means that the function is not available. 22 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 23 Connections and initial set up Remote control The remote control handset supplied with your DVD recorder is a 3 in 1 type remote control. It allows 6 devices to be controlled: your DVD recorder, a television set, a satellite or cable receiver, a video recorder, an amplifier or another device. Thus you have remote control of all these devices by using the 6 modes: DVD, TV or SAT. CABLE that are accessed by 6 corresponding keys. This page describes the keys that control your DVD recorder (in DVD mode). Note: the functions described below depend on the discs and/or the files read. For description of the TV and SAT. CABLE functions, see the following page.

Description of keys in DVD mode Signal lamp - this shows the status of the remote control when it is being used to program or to control another device. It also indicates that the batteries level is low by flashing several times when a key is pressed. EN B DVD PR FI IG RETURN MENU CLEAR OPEN. CLOSE ZOOM INFO NAVICLICK 0 to 9 TV. VIDEO REV PLAY FWD REC STOP PAUSE AGAIN ADVANCE Switches the DVD recorder on or off. Sets the remote control unit in DVD mode (by pressing once), enabling you to control your DVD recorder. Skips forward or backward a chapter (DVD) or track (CD).

Returns to the previous menu. Displays the DVD disc menu while a disc is being played. Removes the menu or banner showing on the TV screen. Opens and closes the disc holder of the DVD recorder. Enlarges the picture during playback, slow motion or pause mode.



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Displays the DVD recorder information banner on the TV screen while a disc is being played. Display programming screen with guide number. Keys used to enter information such as a chapter or track number, or to make choices from menus.

Passes DVD images to the television set connected to AV1. Fast backward while a disc is being played. Plays a disc. Fast forward while a disc is being played. To record the TV program watched onto the recordable disc (DVD+R / DVD+RW).

Stops disc playing or recording and displays the DVD player menu. Pause during playback (CD) or pause on an image (DVD). Skips backward each press replays the last seconds during DVD playback. To skip forward approximately 30 seconds (DVD) or to play another track (audio CD). 23

2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 24 Connections and initial set up Using the remote control with other devices This remote control can be used to control other devices using the programmable keys VCR, DVD, SAT, AMP and AUX. Here is the list of devices you can control with each key: VCR: video recorder, DVD: DVD player, SAT: cable network / satellite receiver, AMP: Hi-Fi system, Home Cinema amplifier, AUX: any type of device. If you have two video recorders, for example, you can program the VCR key to control the first one and the AUX key to control the second. VCR DVD SAT AMP AUX DVD TV VCR SAT AUX AUDIO Press the key of the device to be controlled On or standby Validation of an action Move around in the menus Access to the main menu Exit the menus Change channel, chapter or station Switch sound off and on B OK CBLM MENU EXIT PR+ FL PR- IG +/- Adjust the volume Access the channels / Enter a numerical value / Select a radio station Select an AV socket (Peritel, RCA) Play, Record, Freeze Frame, Stop, Fast forward or rewind AV PLAY REC PAUSE STOP REV FWD Other functions Code A-B: With certain devices (combined TV/DVD or other DVD player) it may happen that your DVD recorder controls the DVD player of the other device. In this case you can adjust your remote control and the DVD recorder on another code known as code B (adjustment shown on page 75).

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When the device changes to standby, press the standby button B on the front to switch it back on again. Then press the REV key to set it to standby again and, if necessary, retry until the device changes to standby. 5. Press the STOP button and hold it down until the remote control light goes off. Manual programming This method involves carrying out a manual search for the codes to be used for controlling your other appliances.

1. Switch on the appliance you wish to use the remote control with. 2. Press the corresponding key on the remote control, while holding it SAT Codes: 5000, 5001, 5031, 5037, 5043, 5064, 5065, 5066, 5058, 5084. TV Codes: 1002, 1016, 1041, 1051, 1127, 1128, 1134, 1135, 1000, 1024, 1089, 1129, 1148, 1001, 1033, 1096, 1130, 1151. pressed down, enter one of the codes corresponding to the make of the device (Thomson Group codes on the bottom left of this page, other brands can be found in the "Related documents" leaflet). If the remote control light flashes you have entered the wrong code or it is not possible to program the remote control. 3. Point the remote control at the appliance and press the relevant button. Press the B.

If the appliance does not go into standby mode, try another code. Depending on the year of manufacture and the type of appliance, some functions may not be available. VCR Codes: 2000, 2001, 2063, 2074, 2091, 2098, 2099 AUDIO Codes: 4003, 4007 Certain codes may cover more functions than others. Test the functions you can control and, if appropriate, try other codes. Note: when you change the remote control's batteries, remember to reprogram it. 25

2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 26 Recording functions To watch TV Programmes 1. Turn on your TV set. 2. Turn on your DVD recorder using the ON/STANDBY.

The time displayed on your DVD recorder is replaced by the word MENU. After a few seconds the main menu of the player appears on the television screen. The Watch TV function is already selected. Note: turn off non used devices to avoid problems of selecting sockets or other types. If the main menu of the player is not displayed on the television screen, check and/or select the Scart socket to which you connected your DVD recorder (see page 4 - AV1 selection).

Generally the selection is carried out using the AV key on the television set remote control. If the THOMSON logo temporarily appears, it is because the screen saver has been triggered; press the OK button to display the menu 3. Press the OK key of the remote control or one of the PR+/PR-, keys on the front panel. The images of the last watched channel appear. Encrusted within the image for a few seconds is information on the current channel and programme. This disappears after several seconds. Note: when the information banner is displayed at the top of the screen you have the possibility of choosing an audio channel (if this is provided by the channel) using the B key on the remote control. To display information again, press the INFO key of the remote control. To change channel Change the channel with the PR+/PR- key or the remote control number keys. To select the channel of a device connected to your DVD recorder (satellite receiver) or to view images from a video recorder, use the AV button on the remote control or press the PR+/PR- button several times to select one of the three connectors (AV1, AV2, AV3) to which the device is connected. Note: where needed, see the connection diagrams on pages 14 and 15. No. and name of the channel selected on the DVD recorder Current time Indications concerning the channel sound and the selection of audio channels.



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Selection is possible with the B key on the remote control. Note: NICAM sound is digital, compatible with analogue tv sets.

It is broadcast by certain channels and relayed by certain emitters in some European countries. NICAM (Near Instantaneously Companded Audio Multiplex) is also used to broadcast Dolby Surround stereophonic programmes or for simultaneous broadcasting in two languages or for two different sounds (intended for blind and poorly sighted people). 26 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 27 Recording functions Taking a break (Time Shift function) Your recorder can save in its memory images of the last 60 or 120 minutes of the programmes viewed. Use the scroll keys (PAUSE, PLAY, REVG/F...) to use this function. Note: This function, associated with the Save Buffer function lets you save a programme for which you missed the start to the DVR hard disc. Record the current programme Your DVD recorder has recording functions similar to a video recorder.

It lets you record programmes to a disc in the DVD family DVD (DVD+R, DVD+RW) or to the internal hard disc (DVR or HDD). For the same disc, the recording time depends on the quality settings that you can adjust according to the time left on the disc. The recording may be immediate or deferred. The recording may be immediate or deferred. Deferred recording (programming) is explained on page 30.

About DVD+R, +RW discs: Choose good quality discs. To avoid any problems, choose brands such as: Imation, Maxell, Philips, Ricoh, Verbatim, Sony, etc. EN Configured recording (on hard disc, DVR or DVD+R, +RW discs) Configured recording lets you record the programme after a quick adjustment of the duration, the quality and the destination of the programme to be recorded (to the hard disc or to a DVD+R, +RW disc). 1. Load a disc Open the disc tray by pressing OPEN/CLOSE.

Put in a disc with the printed side upwards. Close the tray using the OPEN/CLOSE key. Note: Disc Formatting - When you insert a DVD+RW disc for the first time, your DVD recorder must format the disc. This operation will take several minutes, but you may begin recording onto the disc shortly after the formatting process starts (around 10 to 20 seconds). During these few seconds, the display indicates FORMAT DSC. 2. Press the REC key on the remote control once or DVD REC on the front of your recorder. The recording menu is displayed, Duration is selected. 3. You can choose a duration using the B key.

Each time you press the B key the duration is increased by 30 minutes up until the maximum time remaining on the disc is attained. When the maximum duration is reached, pressing again on B displays --h--min which indicates the precise time remaining, for example 1 hour 12 min. 4. The time remaining on the disc is indicated next to Recording quality. If you modify the quality you will also modify the duration, which may be useful with a DVD+R, +RW disc which has little space. Select Recording Quality with the M key, then select a lower recording quality using the B key, this will increase the amount of time available on the disc. However, for a recording to the hard disc that you can copy later to a DVD+R, +RW disc, increase the quality. Note: you can select, on page 59, a standard recording quality for all your recordings. The above described modifying of the setting will nevertheless allow you to increase or decrease the quality and increase or decrease the remaining time as required. 27 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.

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· Recording starts. · The indication RECORD is displayed for a few moments on the display of the DVD recorder. The red lamp on the front lights up. It confirms that recording has started. · The information banner appears for several seconds on the screen of your television.

The information that is displayed confirms the channel, the programme being recorded and the time remaining on the disc. Note: after several seconds the information banner disappears. You can redisplay it using the INFO key on the remote control. Changing the channel during recording is not possible. To watch another channel during the recording session, select it directly on the television set, using its own remote control handset. With each recording session the name and programme parameters recorded on the disc are automatically placed in the library memory of your DVD recorder. The library can contain up to 200 programme names recorded on different discs. To watch your recorded programmes see the Disc menu, details on page 55. To consult the library see the Disc Library menu, page 36. Save Buffer This function lets you start to record a programme to the DVR hard disc even if you missed the start thanks to the Time Shift function.

Return to the start of the programme with the REV key, change to play mode with PLAY then press REC. In the recording menu which appears, select Save Buffer and confirm with OK. The programme is recorded to the hard disc and its references (name, times, etc.) are stored in the video library. Stop recording Press the STOP button twice. 28 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 29 Recording functions Stop recording Press the STOP button twice. · With a DVD+R disc, if you do not have another recording to make, you need to «Finalize» the disc in order that it can be read by other DVD+R compatible players.

Closing a DVD+R disc is described in detail below. If you do not close a DVD+R disc, it will still be possible to make other recordings on it later on, providing there is enough disc space.

You can therefore safely store it. You may also erase recordings but the corresponding duration will be lost. You may not record other titles in their place With DVD+RW discs this function does not exist. It is replaced by a function that renders the disc compatible in such cases where you have added or removed chapter bookmarks using the edit menu. For some players, it is necessary to render the disc compatible even though you haven't carried out modifications to the chapters.

Note: if you only press once on the STOP key, the confirmation window appears. Press a second time to definitively stop the recording or select continue using the L and OK keys. At the end of each recording, your DVD recorder takes a few seconds to prepare the disc welcome menu. This menu is made up of pictures which represent the first images of each title. To view a recording, see page 55.

EN · Closing a DVD+R or DVD+RW disc (Finishing a disc) When a disc is full, or if you do not want to record any other programmes on the disk, you need to finish the disc so that it can be read by other players that are compatible with the disc format. However, if you do not carry out this operation you will still be able to read the disc on your DVD recorder.



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1. With the disc in the DVD recorder. 2. From the main menu, select Disc using the M or L button and then confirm with OK. 3. Choose Disc action with the M or L key and confirm with OK. The titles menu is displayed. The name of the disc is selected.

Press OK to display the specific functions of the disc. 4a. With a DVD+R disc Select Finalize Disc using the M or L button and confirm with OK. Your DVD recorder, closes the disc session and prepares a home screen made up from images representing each recorded title. FINALIZING Remains displayed during this operation and disappears once the disc is ready. 4b. With a DVD+R disc Select Make compatible using the M or L button and confirm with OK. Your DVD recorder, closes the disc session and prepares a home screen made up from images representing each recorded title. Note: you need to make a DVD+RW disc compatible if you have added or deleted chapter bookmarks in order that the disc can be played on other DVD players. 29 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.

qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 30 Recording functions Programming a recording or a transfer Your DVD recorder lets you program recordings or transfer. Programming several recordings is really useful when it uses the high capacity of the hard disc, thereby enabling you to go beyond the limited capacities of DVD+R /+RW discs. You can programme recordings using the manual 10 step method or by choosing, for channels which broadcast the programme guide, the Naviclick programming which is detailed on page 33. Manual programming in 10 steps 1. From the main menu (MENU key or in Stop mode) select the Timers function with the L ou M key then confirm using the OK key.

The Timers screen is displayed. It contains a list of all the deferred recordings that you have already programmed, whether carried out manually, as explained below, or using the Naviclick function explained on page 33. If nothing has been programmed the screen simply displays Add Timer and Set transfer. 2. Press OK.

The programming menu is displayed. This menu allows you to define all the parameters necessary for a deferred recording. Select each parameter with the L or M key and enter the corresponding information with the number keys or the B key as described below. Note: your DVD recorder can memorise the parameters of 8 different programmings. In the case of double programming, a warning message is displayed. 3 Name Give a Name to your programme. Press the INFO key to access the keyboard table. Use the L, M, B, C and OK keys to compose the recording name letter by letter. When complete, select Keep Timer with the B key and press OK. 4.

Channel a) Enter the channel number using the digit keys of the remote control (Pr -- must be displayed) or browse the list of channels in the memory of the DVD recorder using the PR+/PR-key. b) Or select one of the Audio-Video (AV2, AV3, AV4) sockets to which is connected a device (satellite receiver or other) using the B key (the socket details are shown on page 19). Note: selecting the AV2 connector allows you to program the recording of a satellite receiver programme (either left switched on or also programmed) connected to this connector. The selecting of the AV2 connector is activated by default by the AV Timer function (triggering of programming via the AV connector). 5. Day(s) Using the digit keys on the remote control type in the date, if the recording is not made the same day, and / or select a period using the B key. Once: to record the selected programme according to the parameters you have defined. Each Tue: to record the same programme the same day every week starting from today (supposing today is Tuesday). MON-FRI: to record the same programme, everyday at the same time from Monday to Friday. 30 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.

qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 31 Recording functions 6. Start time and stop time Enter the recording start time and then the stop time. To this end, and according to the features of the receivers, you must: - either program the receiver with the same beginning and end times, then switch off the DVD recorder and the receiver, - or leave the satellite receiver switched on, on the channel to record, program the DVD recorder, then switch it off. Note: if you selected AV2 during step 4, you do not need to enter the start and stop times, since it is the device that is connected that triggers the start and stop of the recording at the times set via its programming menu. EN 7.

VPS/PDC Activate the VPS/PDC function using the B key to trigger recording at the actual time of the beginning of the broadcast. If the channel broadcasts VPS/PDC signals you can avoid the consequences of any delays in broadcasting. This adjustment is only valid for this programming session and for channels received via the aerial (PR - -). 8. Record destination Select the disc where the programme will be recorded (DVD+R/+RW or internal DVR) 9.

Recording quality Select a recording quality from the 6 proposed using the B key. \*1: Best, \*2: High, \*3: Good, \*4: Normal, \*5: Basic, \*6: Low. Note: selecting the quality enables you to adapt the recording time on the DVD disc. The lower the quality, the longer the time available on the disc. For example, the time available with a clean 4.7 Gb disc with "Low" quality will be approximately 8 hours while in "Best" quality the time will be approximately 60 minutes. The figure 1 à 6 is displayed in the information banner when playing the recording. The quality selection will only be valid for this programming. For an automatic quality selection according to the time remaining on the disc, activate the SmartRecord™ function (page 59). 10.

Keep Timer Memorise your programming by selecting Keep Timer with the M key and confirming with the OK key. The Programming screen reappears. Your programming is now displayed in the chronological list of programming already carried out. On this screen, you can only display 5 programmings from the 8 possible. If you have made more than 5 programmings, to see the other programmings scroll through them with the L or M key. Note: to check (or delete) programming parameters, select a name and press OK. The programming parameters menu appears. Correct the parameters as shown in steps 1 to 9 or delete the programming by selecting Cancel Timer and confirming with the OK key. 11. Return to the main menu using the MENU key in order to continue to use your DVD recorder or turn it off using the ON/STANDBY key, after having loaded a DVD+R or DVD+RW disc with remaining time compatible with your programming.

31 2\_DTH8540-50\_en.qxd 11/08/05 11:40 Page 32 Recording functions Programming a transfer 1. From the main menu (MENU key or in Stop mode) select the Timers function with the M or L key then confirm using the OK key. The Timers screen appears. It contains the list list of the recordings and transfers you have already programmed.

If you didn't programme anything, the screen displayed only indicated Timers and Set transfer.



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