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MP3 Music & Voice Trainer

OWNER'S MANUAL



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1 – Introduction

Thank you very much for purchasing the TASCAM MP-VT1 MP3 Music & Voice Trainer. Please read this Owner's Manual carefully before using the unit in order to maximize your use of all its features. We hope that you will enjoy using this trainer for many years to come.

The MP-VT1 is a flash memory (1 GB) music player that has been optimized for voice and instrument practice. If you are trying to learn a part that is too difficult to catch at ordinary playback speed, you can use this trainer to slow the playback to a speed that makes learning the notes easier.

Supplied accessories

In addition to this manual, the following accessories are supplied.

- Quick Start Guide......1

• If a fixed onscreen indicator (i.e. one which cannot

- change) is shown, it is written like this: VSA.
- controls on the MP-VT1.

• As the unit may become hot during operation, always

leave sufficient space above the unit for ventilation. Do not install this unit in a confined space such as a

bookcase, and do not put anything on top of the unit.

• Avoid installing this unit on top of any heat-generat-

• Make sure that the unit is mounted in a level position

voltage as printed on the rear panel. If you are in any

doubt regarding this matter, consult an electrician.

ing electrical device such as a power amplifier.

• The voltage supplied to the unit should match the

for correct operation.

Manual conventions

In this manual, we use the following conventions:

- · Controls and keys on the MP-VT1 are written like this: MENU.
- Messages shown on the display are written like this: Are you sure?.

Precautions for placement and use

The MP-VT1 may be used in most areas, but to maintain top performance, and prolong operating life, observe the following notes, precautions and environmental conditions:

- Avoid exposing it to extremes of temperature and humidity and avoid mechanical shocks and vibration.
- Keep the unit away from strong magnetic fields (TV sets, computer monitors, large electric motors, etc.).
- The nominal temperature should be between 0°C and 40°C (32°F and 104°F).
- Relative humidity should be 30 to 80 percent.

Beware of condensation

If the unit is moved from a cold to a warm place, or used after a sudden temperature change, there is a danger of condensation; vapor in the air could condense on the internal mechanism, making correct operation impossible. To prevent this, or if this occurs, let the player sit for one or two hours at the new room temperature before using.

the unit's built-in effects as you sing or play an instrument along with the music. Using a computer, you can also transfer music as MP3s easily from audio CDs and other sources to the MP-VT1.

Please contact the store where you purchased this unit if

We recommend that you keep the original box and

packing materials for transportation of this unit.

any of these accessories are missing.

NOTE

Furthermore, the dedicated mic input allows you to use

• We use the term "key" to describe the push-button

1 – Introduction

About the power supply

The MP-VT1 uses a built-in lithium ion battery that can be recharged by connecting the unit to a computer with the included USB cable. You can also use an AC adapter (sold separately) to power the unit and recharge the battery.

When new, the battery charge lasts about 8 hours.

Recharging the battery

Recharging with a computer

To charge the battery using a computer, connect the unit to the computer using the included USB cable and turn the computer on if it is off and not transmitting power to the unit.

Connect the MP-VT1 directly to the computer. Recharging cannot be guaranteed if a USB hub is used between the computer and the MP-VT1.

Recharging takes about 6 hours (when the MP-VT1 power is OFF).

If the MP-VT1's power is turned ON when it is being recharged from a computer, it is automatically treated by the computer as a connected USB drive. (See "Connecting to a computer" on page 11.)

Recharging with a PS-P520 AC adapter (sold separately)

Connect the AC adapter to the MP-VT1's **DC IN 5V** jack and plug the adapter into a working power outlet.

Recharging takes about 3 hours.

You can use the MP-VT1 when it is connected to an AC adapter and recharging.

Furthermore, the recharging time is the same whether the MP-VT1 power is ON or OFF.

Turning the power on and off

To turn the MP-VT1 power on

Slide the **POWER** switch in the direction of the arrow and hold it until TASCAM appears on the screen. Release the switch.

The MP-VT1 starts and the home screen appears.



NOTE

When you purchase the MP-VT1, the battery is not fully charged. Please charge it before use or use it with an AC adapter (sold separately).

NOTE

The indicator at the right side of the display shows the battery's charging status. It lights orange while charging and goes out when charging is complete.



To turn the MP-VT1 power off

Slide the **POWER** switch in the direction of the arrow and hold it until Trainer series appears on the screen. Release the switch. The MP-VT1 then shuts down.

2 – Part names and functions

Top Panel



1 Display (LCD)

The display shows the Home screen and the menus related to using the metronome and making operation and effect settings. (See "Home screen" on page 8.)

2 Wheel

Use to select items and change values when using menus and the effect section.

③ ENTER key

Press this key to confirm a selection when using menus and the effect section and to advance to the next screen.

④ LOOP key

Press this key to start loop playback mode and automatically repeat playback of a section of a song that you select. The **I++0** indicator appears on the display. (See "Repeat playback of a selected loop" on page 19.)

Press this key again to exit loop playback mode.

(5) MENU key

When the home screen is open, press this key to open the **MENU** screen.

During use of menus or the effect settings screen, press this key to return to the previous screen. Repeated presses eventually returns to the home screen.

6 METRO key

Press this key to open the **METRONOME** screen. When the **METRONOME** screen is open, press this key to return to the home screen.

7 I/O key

Use this key to set the IN and OUT points to set a section for loop playback.

When both IN and OUT points are set, pressing this key again will clear these points. (See "Repeat playback of a selected loop" on page 19.)

⑧ ►/II key

Press this key to start playback or to pause playback at the current position.

When the **METRONOME** screen is open, press this to start and stop the metronome.

(9) ▶►I key

Press this key to skip to the next track.

Press and hold to search forward.

10 I key

Press this key to return to the beginning of a track that is playing or paused.

When at the beginning of a track, press to skip to the previous track.

Press and hold to search backward.

2 – Part names and functions

Front Panel



(1) **Q/LINE OUT jack** (stereo minijack)

Connect headphones to this jack to hear the playing tracks and the sound of a connected mic.

This jack can also be used as a line output jack.

12 INPUT volume

Use to adjust the input level of the Mic IN jack.

(13) MIC IN jack (standard phone jack)

Connect a mic or a contact mic attached to an instrument.

Right Side Panel



14 DC IN 5V jack

Connect an AC adapter (TASCAM PS-P520, sold separately).

15 POWER switch

Slide and hold this switch in the direction of the arrow (to the left) to turn the power ON and OFF.

Slide it to the right to engage the HOLD function. When set to HOLD, all keys are disabled.

(16) USB port

Connect the included USB cable to this port and your computer.

NOTE

Trouble-free use of a USB hub cannot be guaranteed. If you experience trouble using a USB hub, connect the unit directly with the computer.

Left Side Panel



17 MIX BALANCE (MIC, PLAYBACK) keys

Use these keys to adjust the balance between the volume of the mic connected to the MIC IN jack and the playing track. During adjustment, the balance status is shown at the bottom of the display.

Press the **MIC** key to increase the relative level of the mic, and the **PLAYBACK** key to increase the relative level of the playing track.

During metronome playback, these keys adjust the mic and metronome balance with the **PLAYBACK** key increasing the metronome volume relatively.

18 OUTPUT VOLUME (+, -) keys

Use to adjust the overall signal level sent from the Ω /LINE OUT jack.

During adjustment, the output volume is shown at the bottom of the display.

Back Panel



Reset hole

If the MP-VT1 starts to operate incorrectly, insert the end of a paper clip or similar object into this hole to press the System Reset Button inside. Pressing this button turns the power OFF.

CAUTION

Do not press the System Reset Button if the unit is operating normally.

2 – Part names and functions

Home screen

During normal operation the Home screen appears on the display. The following explanation is for the Home screen.

NOTE

When using menus or the built-in metronome dedicated screens are opened. See other sections for explanation of menu and metronome screens.



\bigcirc **1** Power

The battery indicator appears when the built-in lithium ion battery is used. Three bars show a full battery. This indicator blinks when the battery needs to be recharged.

2 Player operation indicators

These indicators show what the player is doing.

- Track is playing
- Track is paused
- Track stopped at beginning
- ► Fast forwarding
- ← Fast rewinding
- Skipping to next track
- Skipping to previous track

③ Elapsed time (00m00s)

The elapsed time (minutes: seconds) appears during track playback.

④ Playback position bar

This bar shows the current playback position. The dark bar extends from the left as playback proceeds.

5 Remaining time

The remaining time (minutes: seconds) appears during track playback.

6 Loop IN point and OUT point markers

Shows the loop playback IN and OUT points.

When the IN point is set, I appears below the playback position bar at the position relative to the time of the IN point.

When the OUT point is set, **0** appears below the playback position bar at the position relative to the time of the OUT point.

Loop/repeat setting status indicators

The following indicators appear according to the playback settings.

- Single Current track plays and then playback stops
- Current track plays repeatedly
- All tracks in the play area play repeatedly
- Playback loops between IN and OUT points
- (8) Track information

Tag information or file name appears during playback.

If there is ID3 tag information, the Title information will be shown, but if not, the file name will be shown.

2 – Part names and functions

9 Play area

The currently selected play area appears.

- ALL All files in the MUSIC folder
- FOLDER Files in a subfolder of the MUSIC folder
- **P.LIST** Files added to the playlist

Playback track number/total number of tracks

The current track number and the total number of tracks in the selected play area appears.

10 Track number

Shows the current track number/number of tracks in the selected play area.

1 INPUT level meter

Level of the mic signal entering the Mic IN jack appears.

(12) Status of playback control functions

The status of each playback control function (VSA, tempo, key, voice cancel) is shown.

When a function is ON, its indicator appears with light colored letters on a dark background.

13 Effect setting status

Shows whether the effects are ON or OFF. When the effect function is ON, its indicator appears with light colored letters on a dark background.

Making connections

Connecting headphones or speakers

You can connect headphones or a monitoring system (powered speakers, amplifier/speaker system, etc.) to the MP-VT1 Ω /LINE OUT jack.



Connecting a mic

Using the MP-VT1's mic input jack and built-in mic effects, you can create a variety of effects with just the MP-VT1. You can also sing or play an instrument along with an MP3 track on the unit. (See the "Practice Functions" chapter on page 18 and the "Using Effects" chapter on page 20.)

The **INPUT** level meter appears at the bottom of the home screen. Use this to confirm input and adjust the level of the mic signal. If the input level is too high, the dot at the far right end of the bar will stay lit briefly. If the input level is low, then the meter bar will extend only a short distance from the left.

Watch this meter as you adjust the **INPUT** volume to set the input level so that it is neither too high or too low.

The mic sound is output through the $\Omega/\text{LINE OUT}$ jack.



Connecting to a computer

By connecting the MP-VT1 to a computer, you can copy music files (in MP3 format) from the computer to the MP-VT1, erase files on the MP-VT1 and edit folders.

To transfer music files stored on a computer to the MP-VT1, use the included USB cable to connect the USB port on the unit to a computer USB port.

connected... USB appears on the MP-VT1 screen. On the computer, you should find the unit shown as an external drive named "MP-VT1."

Disconnecting from a computer

When disconnecting the MP-VT1 from a computer, follow the procedures for your computer operating system to dismount an external drive, and then disconnect the USB cable.

The MP-VT1 automatically restarts.

Moving MP3 files to the the MP-VT1

Copying tracks from a computer

The MP-VT1 can play back MP3 (MPEG1 Audio Layer III) format files. (See "File information page" on page 24.)

MP3 files are transferred from a computer by the USB cable.

Preparing MP3 files on a computer

Use a software application to convert tracks from a CD or other source into MP3 files on the computer.

NOTE

Most music importing software (e.g. iTunes) can convert tracks from other formats to MP3s. However, this software can probably also convert and import into other formats. Please confirm that your software is set to import tracks in MP3 format.

Procedures to copy tracks from a computer

- 1 Connect the MP-VT1 and the computer. (See "Connecting to a computer" above.)
- 2 Click on the "MP-VT1" drive icon on the computer to open it. There are two folders inside: UTILITY and MUSIC.
- **3** Drag and drop MP3 files from the computer into the MUSIC folder. The MP3 files appear in the MUSIC folder when copying to the MP-VT1's memory is complete.



NOTE

When shipped from the factory, a copy of this Owner's Manual is stored in the MP-VT1 drive in PDF format in the MANUAL folder. If you erase it, please make a backup copy for future reference.



NOTE

RIFF format MP3 files with .wav extensions are not supported. 44.1 kHz is the only supported sampling frequency. MP3 files with other frequencies, including 48 kHz and 32 kHz, are not supported.

4 When finished copying files, from the computer, follow the procedures for your computer operating system to disconnect the MP-VT1, and then disconnect the USB cable. The MP-VT1 automatically restarts.

TIP

• You can create subfolders inside the MUSIC folder. Two levels of subfolders can be used. By setting the unit to play tracks only in a selected folder, you can categorize tracks or create folders for different users, for example. (See "Setting the play area" on page 15.)

• Give names to the sub folders and tracks as you wish them to appear on the MP-VT1 screen. (MP3s with ID3 tags will have Title information shown instead of file names.)

• Subfolders and tracks 3 or more levels below will not appear on the MP-VT1 and cannot be used with the unit.

4 – Menus & Settings

Menu items

Press the **MENU** key to open the menu and access most of the MP-VT1 functions and settings.



NOTE

The metronome settings screen is accessed by using the METRO key.

Menu overview

The MP-VT1 Menu has the following items.

Menu item	Function
INFORMATION	Show summaries of current file information, memory usage and system settings
BROWSE	Show music files/folders inside the MUSIC folder and allows tracks to be selected for direct playback and adding to the playlist
PLAYLIST	Show and edit the playlist (move and erase playlist tracks)
PLAY MODE	Set the playback area and repeat mode
PB CONTROL	Set tempo, key, and voice cancel settings
EFFECT	Set and use the built-in mic effects
TUNER	Set and use the auto tuner and the oscillator
SETUP	Make various global settings and initialize and format the unit

Using the Menus

Use the **MENU** and **ENTER** keys and the wheel for most menu operations. (See "Top Panel" on page 5.)

The currently selected item appears as light letters on a dark background.





You can use the menus and metronome while a track is playing.

4 – Menus & Settings

Operation example

In this example, we change the fast forward and reverse speed by using the **SETUP** menu **CUE/REV SPEED** item.

1 With the Home screen open, press the MENU key. The MENU screen with the list of menus appears.

(MENU	\supset
/INFORMATION	
BROWSE	
/ PLAYLIST	
Z PLAY MODE	
Z PB CONTROL	

NOTE

As shown above, the \forall at the bottom right of the screen indicates that there are items not shown that can be accessed by scrolling down. If the \blacktriangle appears in the same area, there are items not shown that can be accessed by scrolling up.

2 Turn the wheel to select the SETUP screen and press the ENTER key to open the SETUP screen.

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CUE/REV SPEED	:	×8
AUTO OFF	:	30sec
BACKLIGHT	:	15sec
CONTRAST	:	5
DIMMER	:	High 🚽

- **3** Turn the wheel to select CUE/REV SPEED and press the ENTER key. The current setting is highlighted.
- 4 Turn the wheel to choose the desired value.

NOTE

▲ and ▼ appear to the right of the setting value and indicate whether the value can be raised or lowered.

For example, in the case of CUE/REV, there are five possible settings: X2, X4, X6, X8 and X10.

If the lowest value (in this example, X2) is set, then the \blacktriangle appears, showing that the value can be raised.

If the highest value (in this example, X10) is set, then the $\mathbf{\nabla}$ appears, showing that the value can be lowered.

If set at any other value, both \blacktriangle and \blacktriangledown appear showing that the value can be raised or lowered.

5. Press the MENU key repeatedly to return to the Home screen. Each time you press this key, you will return to the previous level of operation.



The METRONOME screen works in the same way as the other Menus. (See the "Using the metronome" chapter on page 19.)

5 – Playing and Selecting Tracks

Basic track playback functions

Use the \blacktriangleright/II , $I \triangleleft and \triangleright i$ keys to operate the MP-VT1 in the same way that you would use an ordinary CD player or other music device.

Playing a track

Press the \blacktriangleright/II key to start playback of a track that is stopped.

Pausing a track

Press the \blacktriangleright/II key to pause a track that is playing at the position where you press the key.

Selecting a track

Press the skip ($I \triangleleft and \triangleright I$) keys to select a track. This is possible during playback or when paused.

Pressing the I key during playback or when a track is paused returns the playback position to the beginning of that track.

Pressing the I◀◀ key when stopped at the beginning of a track skips to the beginning of the previous track.

Pressing the \rightarrow key always skips to the beginning of the next track.

NOTE

The ■ indicator appears on the display when playback is stopped at the beginning of a track. The II indicator appears when playback is paused at any other point in a track.

Searching a track

Press and hold the I ← and ► I keys to search backward and forward through a track (rewind and fast forward).

Adjusting the volume

Use the OUTPUT VOLUME keys (+, -) to adjust the playback volume. During adjustment, the current volume level appears at the bottom of the display. Since the OUTPUT VOLUME keys adjust the volume level of all MP-VT1 sound output, they also affect the volume level of a connected mic.



Selecting a track to play

There are two ways to choose the track that you want to play. You can use the $| \blacktriangleleft \triangleleft$ and $\triangleright \flat \rvert$ keys when the Home screen is open or you can use the BROWSE screen (see below).

Using the Browse screen to select tracks

On the **BROWSE** screen, you can see the contents of the **MUSIC** folder. You can immediately start playback of a track by selecting a music file on this screen and pressing the \blacktriangleright/II key.

NOTE

You can also add tracks to the playlist on the BROWSE screen. Use a computer to erase or move files and folders in the MUSIC folder. You cannot do this using the BROWSE screen.

To open the **BROWSE** screen, press the **MENU** key to open the **MENU** screen, then select the **BROWSE** item and press the **ENTER** key.



The **BROWSE** screen shows the folders and music files by their levels. Open a folder to see the music files in it. To open a folder, select it and press the **ENTER** key.

🖻 MUSIC

The **MUSIC** folder is the top level folder shown in the **BROWSE** screen.

Ω

This indicator appears next to the names of music files.

Select a music file and press the \blacktriangleright/II key to start playing that track and return to the Home screen immediately.

Select a music file and press the **ENTER** key to open a popup window that allows you to add that track to the playlist. (See "Using the playlist" on page 16.)

NOTE

Files with extensions other than MP3 do not appear.

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This indicator appears next to folders that contain subfolders.

This indicator appears next to folders that do not contain subfolders.

The following **BROWSE** screen shows what happens after the folder named "Favorite" has been opened.



Setting the play area

You can set the MP-VT1 to play only a specific group of tracks from the Home screen by setting the play area. This makes track selection easier when you have numerous tracks on the unit.

Use the **PLAY MODE** menu to set the play area.

1 Press the MENU key to open the MENU screen, and select and open the PLAY MODE screen.

PLAY MODE
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2 Select the AREA item and press the ENTER key.

3 Choose one of the following play area options.

ALL

Allows Home screen playback of all accessible files that have been transferred to the MP-VT1's MUSIC folder from a computer.

FOLDER

Allows Home screen playback of all accessible files in the same folder as the currently selected track.

To change the current folder, go to the **BROWSE** screen and select any track inside the desired folder. (See "Using the Browse screen to select tracks" on page 14.)

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The contents of this folder (in this example, Favorite) are shown on the screen.

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Select this indicator and press the **ENTER** key to close the open folder and return to the screen showing the contents of the folder that holds it.

NOTE

Only files in the currently selected folder are available for Home screen playback. Files inside subfolders within the selected folder are not available.

PLAYLIST

Allows Home screen playback of all files added to the playlist. (See "Using the playlist" on page 16.)

If no files have been added to the playlist, then No PLAYLIST appears. Add files to the playlist or make a different selection.

NOTE

The current play area setting appears at the bottom left of the Home screen.



Using the playlist

You can create a list of tracks (playlist) for playback. Select "**PLAYLIST**" for the **AREA** item on the **PLAY MODE** screen. Tracks that can be selected and played from the Home screen are then limited to those added to the playlist.

Adding tracks to the playlist

- 1 Press the MENU key to open the MENU screen. Then, select and open the BROWSE screen.
- 2 Select a track (music file) that you want to add to the playlist and press the ENTER key.

A popup window for adding tracks to the playlist appears.



3 Select ADD LIST and press the ENTER key.

The track is added to the playlist and the popup window closes.

NOTE

If you select CANCEL and press the ENTER key, the track is not added and the popup window closes.

4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 as necessary to add more tracks to the playlist. The tracks are numbered in the order that they are added.

Editing the playlist

You can view and edit the playlist on the PLAYLIST screen.

1 Press the MENU key to open the MENU screen. Select PLAYLIST and press ENTER to open the PLAYLIST screen.



2 Select the track that you want to edit and press the ENTER key to open a popup window.



The remaining procedures differ according to which of the three items that you choose to edit.

NOTE

Select CANCEL in the popup window and press the ENTER key to quit the procedure without making any change.

ALL CLR: Remove all tracks from the playlist

Select this to remove all tracks from the playlist. (In this case, it does not matter which track you select in step 2.) This removes tracks from the playlist, but it does not erase them from the MP-VT1.

3 Select ALL CLR from the popup window and press the ENTER key.

A confirmation message appears.

4 Press the ENTER key to remove all the tracks from the playlist.

Press the MENU key to cancel this action.

DELETE: Remove one track from the playlist

Select this to remove a track from the playlist. This removes the track from the playlist, but it does not erase it from the MP-VT1.

3 Select DELETE from the popup window and press the ENTER key.

The track is removed from the playlist.

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5 – Playing and Selecting Tracks

MOVE: Change the order of tracks

Select this to change the order of tracks in the playlist.

3 Select MOVE from the popup window and press the ENTER key.

01JRapid Ph <u>rase</u>	01JRapid Phrase
02 Exercise ALL CLB	02 Exercise Beat
03 Let's Bo Move	03 Let's Boogie
04 Groove M CANCEL	04 Groove Medley
05 Guitar Training 🚽	05 Guitar Training 🚽

The track's number is highlighted.

4 Use the wheel to move the track to a different position in the playlist.



In the example shown above, the 4th track in the list is being moved to the 3rd track position.

5 Press the ENTER key to complete track reordering and return to the ordinary PLAYLIST screen.

Repeat and single-track playback (PLAY MODE)

Repeat playback of the current track or all tracks in the selected play area is possible. Playing a single track just once is also possible.

1 Press the MENU key to open the MENU, and select and open the PLAY MODE screen.

(PLAY MODE)() AREA : PLAYLIST REPEAT : ALL REPEAT

2 Select the REPEAT item to set one of the following modes.

OFF

All tracks in the current play area play once in order.

SINGLE

The current track plays once without repeating and the (Single indicator) appears on the Home screen.

1 REPEAT

The current track plays repeatedly and the (ltrack repeat indicator) appears on the Home screen.

ALL REPEAT

All tracks in the current play area play repeatedly and the (all track repeat indicator) appears on the Home screen.

NOTE

Loop playback automatically turns OFF any active PLAY MODE repeat mode.

6 – Practice Functions

Changing playback pitch and tempo

Not only can you use the MP-VT1 to change the tempo of track playback, you can do this without changing the pitch. You can also change the playback pitch of a track without changing the tempo.

These changes can be made on the **PB CONTROL** screen. When the Home screen is open, press the **ENTER** key to open the **PB CONTROL** screen.

Changing the tempo (TEMPO)

Use the **TEMPO** item to change the track tempo, including reducing it up to 50%.

Playback speed is altered according to the tempo value setting. The number shown is a percentage change.

On the Home screen the **TMP** indicator appears as light letters on a dark background.

The available tempo change values depend on whether the **VSA** function is ON or OFF.

Change tempo without changing pitch (VSA)

Turn the Variable Speed Audition (**VSA**) function ON to keep the pitch the same when changing the tempo. Use the **VSA** item to turn the **VSA** function ON and OFF.

When ON, the **VSA** indicator appears on the Home screen as light letters on a dark background.

Change key without changing tempo (KEY)

Use the **KEY** item to change the pitch in semitones without changing the tempo.

Use the **KEY** item to adjust the pitch up or down by 1-6 semitones (#6-b6).

Canceling mic sounds (VOICE CANCEL)

Use the voice cancel function to control the apparent level of voices in tracks being played back. Use the three **VOICE CANCEL** items on the **PB CONTROL** screen to set up the voice cancel function.

CANCEL

Set the **CANCEL** item to **ON** to turn the voice cancel function ON. On the Home screen, the $\bigcup_{n} \square$ indicator appears as light letters on a dark background.

NOTE

The effectiveness of this function varies between tracks and it cannot completely eliminate all voice sounds. If turning this function ON does not reduce the apparent voice level sounds as you want, or it cancels different instrument parts, try adjusting the following parameters for better results.

NOTE

You can also access this menu from the MENU screen by selecting and opening PB CONTROL.

VSA: ON Choose one of the following values (%): -50, -32, -16, -12, -8, -4, 0, +4, +8, +12, +16

VSA: OFF Choose any value between -50 and +16 (%)

NOTE

If you set the tempo adjustment value when VSA is OFF and then turn VSA ON, the nearest tempo value is selected automatically

NOTE

During use of pitch control functions, playback may sometimes sound uneven. This is the result of special processing and is not a malfunction.

When **KEY** is ON (changed from 0), the KEY indicator appears as light letters on a dark background on the Home screen.

Use the **FINE TUNE** item to adjust the pitch in cents (100 cents = 1 semitone).

By adjusting the **RANGE** and **PART** items, you may be able to achieve even more thorough voice cancellation. Please listen as you adjust these settings to find the best setting.

RANGE

Use the **RANGE** item to set the frequency range in the stereo position set with the **PART** item to be cancelled to either mid-range frequencies (MID), which covers most voice sounds, or the full range of frequencies (ALL).

PART

Use the **PART** item to determine the position in the stereo spectrum (**L10**—**R10**) for cancellation.

For example, if the part you want to cancel is panned to the left, try setting **PART** to **L10** and adjust it toward the center (**L9**, **L8**, etc.) until you achieve best cancellation.

Repeat playback of a selected loop

Follow these procedures to repeat playback of a selected part of a track (loop playback).

- 1 Press the I/O key when a track is playing or paused at the point where you want to set the IN point (loop starting point).
- 2 Press the I/O key again at the point when you want to set the OUT point and start loop playback between the IN and OUT points.

NOTE

Loop playback automatically turns OFF any active PLAY MODE repeat mode.

Connecting a mic to practice

You can connect a mic and mix your voice or the sound of an instrument playing with the track being played back.

You can also use the built-in mic effects to craft the mic sound for even more effective practice and performance.

- 1 Connect a mic to the MIC IN jack.
- 2 Adjust the mic volume with the INPUT dial.

The mic sound is output through the Ω /LINE OUT jack. (See "Connecting a Mic" on page 10 for more information.)

Practicing with tracks as they play

If you sing or play an instrument while a track is playing back, you can hear the combined signals of the mic and the track output through the Ω /LINE OUT jack.

Use the MIX BALANCE keys to adjust the volume level balance between the track being played back (PLAYBACK) and the mic (MIC) signals.

Using the metronome (METRONOME)

Use the MP-VT1's built-in metronome during practice to improve your timing.

To use the metronome, press the METRO key to open the **METRONOME** screen and open the **METRONOME** item.



TEMP0 Use to set the tempo between 20 and 250.

Below the playback position bar on the Home screen, the "I" indicator appears at the IN point, and the "I" indicator appears at the OUT point. During loop playback, I++ appears on the LCD.

- To stop loop playback press either the LOOP key or the I/O key.
- If you press the LOOP key, the loop IN and OUT points are kept, so you can play the same loop if you press the LOOP key again.
- If you press the I/O key, the loop IN and OUT points are cleared.



As you adjust the balance, a status bar appears at the bottom of the display.



BEAT

Set the accent between ${\bf 0}$ and ${\bf 9}.$ There is no accent when set to 0.

LEVEL

Use to set the metronome volume.

Turning the metronome ON and OFF

Press the \rightarrow/II key to start and stop the metronome.

Even the metronome is ON, you can select other menus and adjust those settings. Press the **METRO** key again to return to the **MENU** screen.

Stop the metronome and press the **METRO** key if you want to return to the Home screen.

7 – Using Effects

The MP-VT1 has built-in mic effects.

Press the **MENU** key and select the **EFFECT**. The display shows as below.



As with other screens, use the wheel to select items and adjust setting values and press the **ENTER** key to confirm selections. Use the **MENU** key to return to previous items or screens.

As shown in the figure above, in addition to **BANK** and **PRESET**, the **EFFECT** screen also shows the **LEVEL** and **ECHO** knobs, and the **VOICE CHANGE** icon. These all have adjustable settings. Turn the wheel when the **EFFECT** screen is open to select the **LEVEL** or **ECHO** knobs, or the **VOICE CHANGE** icon. These items appear darker when selected just like menu items.

NOTE

Each preset has a different set of effect modules. See the Effect presets list on page 25 for which modules are included with each preset.

BANK

Choose effects from 5 banks (A to E). When one of the banks is selected, the FX indicator is shown in light letters on a dark background at the bottom right of the Home screen.

Each bank can be loaded with a preset. Load a favorite preset to the banks so that you can quickly switch effects between the five banks.

OFF can be selected to bypass the effects.

PRESET

Choose from 18 presets with a different selection of effects. The module icon(s) shown on the screen changes as a preset selected. (See the "Effect presets list" on page 25 for details.)

LEVEL knob

Use this to adjust the effect output level. Select the knob and press the **ENTER** key. When the number above the knob appears light on a dark background, you can adjust it using the wheel to a value between 0 (no sound from the effect) and 100.



Pressing the **MENU** key exits the parameter setting and returns to the **LEVEL** knob item.

To return to the Home screen, press the **MENU** key when the item (not the parameter) is selected.

ECHO knob

Adjusts the selected effect. Turn the wheel to select the **ECHO** knob and press the **ENTER** key. When the number above the knob appears light on a dark background, you can adjust the value.

NOTE

Although this knob is always labeled "ECHO," the parameter controlled is different for some effects. Please try them out to hear what they do!

Voice Change icon

The sound from the mic inputs can be raised or lowered one octave using the voice change function. This is useful to achieve special sounds. Turn the wheel to select the **Voice Change** icon and press the **ENTER** key. When the setting above the icon appears light on a dark background, you can adjust it as follow:

DOWN	lowers the input pitch one octave
OFF	does not change the input pitch
UP	raises the input pitch one octave

The MP-VT1 has a built-in tuner. There are Chromatic tuner and Oscillator modes that can output any pitch between C4 and B6. To use the tuner functions, press the **MENU** key to open the **MENU** screen, and select and open the **TUNER** item.



MODE Select from the following tuner modes.

- CHROMA Chromatic tuning mode
- **OSC.** Oscillator mode

CALIB

You can adjust the frequency of A between 435 and 445 Hz. The value of this setting also appears at the bottom right of the screen. This setting affects all tuner modes.

The following sections explain how to use each of the three tuner modes.

Chromatic tuner mode

This is the default mode.

1 With the microphone connected to the MIC IN jack, sing or play the instrument that you want to tune.

The pitch closest to the frequency of the played note appears at the top of the meter.

- 2 Tune the instrument approximately until the desired pitch name is shown on the screen.
- **3** When the center of the meter lights, the source instrument is in tune.

A bar appears on the left side of the meter if the pitch is too low, and on the right side if the pitch is too high. The longer the bar is, the more out of tune the **instrument** is.



Oscillator mode (OSC.)

Use the built-in oscillator to output a sine wave through the Ω /LINE OUT jack. You can set this wave to any note in a 3-octave range between C4 and B6.

NOTE

Use this to set the pitch of the note to be output between C4 and B6.

OUT

Use this to turn the oscillator output ON and OFF. When ON, the onscreen tuning fork provides visual feedback.



LEVEL

Use this to set the output level (0-100) of the oscillator.

9 – Setup Menu Options

On the **SETUP** screen, you can make various MP-VT1 settings, as well as initialize or format the unit. Press the **MENU** key to open the **MENU** screen, and then select and open the **SETUP** item.

The following settings related to how the MP-VT1 operates and its display behaves can be made on the **SETUP** screen.

Cue and review speed

Use **CUE/REV SPEED** to determine how fast search occurs when the **▶**I and **I**◄ keys are pushed and held.

SETUP		
CUE/REV SPEED	:	×8
AUTO OFF	:	30sec
BACKLIGHT	:	15sec
CONTRAST	:	5
DIMMER	:	High 🚽

Setting choices: x2, x4, x8 (factory setting), x10

Automatic power off

Use **AUTO OFF** to set how long until the unit automatically turns OFF when powered by the internal battery. This setting is the amount of time from when track playback has stopped and the unit has last been used.

Automatically turning off the backlight

Use **BACKLIGHT** to set the time since the last operation until the backlight automatically turns OFF when powered by the internal battery.

Display contrast

Use **CONTRAST** to adjust the display contrast.

Setting choices: 1–20 (factory setting: 12)

Backlight brightness

Use **DIMMER** to adjust the backlight brightness.

Setting choices: **HIGH** (factory setting), **LOW**, **OFF** (no backlight)

Initializing the unit

Use **INITIALIZE** to restore the MP-VT1 to its factory settings.

- **1** Select INITIALIZE and press the ENTER key to highlight Exec.
- 2 Press the ENTER key again to open a confirmation popup window.
- **3** Press the ENTER key again to initialize the unit.

Press the MENU key to cancel initialization.

Setting choices: **OFF** (factory setting, the power must be turned off manually), **3 min**, **5 min**, **10 min**, **30 min**

Setting choices: **OFF** (backlight always on), **5 sec** (factory setting), **10 sec**, **15 sec**, **30 sec**

Formatting the unit quickly

Use **QUICK FORMAT** to format the MP-VT1's flash memory quickly. Formatting the unit erases all files on the unit, but the MUSIC and UTILITY folders and the mp-gt1. sys files are automatically regenerated.

- 1 Select QUICK FORMAT and press the ENTER key to highlight Exec.
- 2 Press the ENTER key again to open a confirmation popup window.
- **3** Press the ENTER key again to format the unit quickly.

Press the MENU key to cancel formatting.

Formatting the unit completely

Use **FULL FORMAT** to format the MP-VT1's flash memory completely. Unlike **QUICK FORMAT**, **FULL FORMAT** also checks the memory for errors. For this reason, it takes much more time. Formatting the unit erases all files on the unit, but the MUSIC and UTILITY folders and the mp-gt1.sys files are automatically regenerated.

- **1** Select FULL FORMAT and press the ENTER key to highlight Exec.
- 2 Press the ENTER key again to open a confirmation popup window.
- **3** Press the ENTER key again to format the unit fully.

Press the MENU key to cancel formatting.

WARNING

Using QUICK FORMAT or FULL FORMAT erases the MANUAL folder and the pdf Owner's Manual in it. Please make a copy of this file before formatting the unit.

CAUTION

When using QUICK FORMAT or FULL FORMAT, use the AC adapter (sold separately) or confirm that the battery is sufficiently charged. If the power fails during formatting, the formatting may not occur correctly.

10 – Using the Information Pages

Use the **INFORMATION** screen to view various information about files, memory usage and MP-VT1 system settings.

Press the **MENU** key to open the **MENU** screen and select and open **INFORMATION**.

Use the wheel to switch between the three **INFORMATION** pages.

- FILE Currently active MP3 file data
- MEMORY Built-in flash memory use
- SYSTEM MP-VT1 system settings and firmware version

File information page (FILE)

Shows information about the currently selected file.



- **MP3** File bit rate (kbps), CBR or VBR (constant bit rate, variable bit rate), and sampling frequency (kHz)
- **TITLE** ID3 tag title information when available; otherwise shows file name
- ALBUM Shows ID3 tag album information when available; otherwise blank
- **ARTIST** Shows ID3 tag artist information when available; otherwise blank

Memory information page (MEMORY)

Shows status of built-in flash memory usage.

(INFORMATION)	
[MEMORY(2/3) \$	_
🞜 TOTAL MUSIC : 25	J
TOTAL FOLDER : 5	
TOTAL MEMORY : 967MB	
EREMAIN HEMORY: 738MB	J

TOTAL MUSIC	Total number of playable files in the MUSIC folder
TOTAL FOLDER	Total number of subfolders in the MUSIC folder
TOTAL MEMORY	Total capacity of the built-in flash memory
REMAIN MEMORY	Total amount of unused built-in flash memory

NOTE

The MP-VT1 can recognize a maximum combined total of 550 files and folders. If there are more than 550, files and folders in excess of this number will not appear on the unit.

System information page (SYSTEM)

Shows MP-VT1 system settings information and firmware version.

(INFORMATION)
Í	SYSTEM(3/3) -
	** CUE/REU SPD :×8
	CAUTO OFF : 30sec
	₩ BACKLIGHT :15sec
Į	System Ver. : 1.00 0001 刘

CUE/REV SPD	Cue and review speed
AUTO OFF	Auto power OFF
BACKLIGHT	Backlight auto OFF
System Ver.	System firmware version

Effect preset list

Preset number	Preset name	Effect	Echo parameter range
1	POPS_1	Large "pop" reverb sound 1	0–20
2	POPS_2	Large "pop" reverb sound 2	0–20
3	POPS_3	Large "pop" reverb sound 3	0–20
4	ROCK_1	Lively "rock" reverb 1	0–20
5	ROCK_2	Lively "rock" reverb 2	0–20
6	ROCK_3	Lively "rock" reverb 3	0–20
7	ENKA_1	Vibrato and echo 1 (enka)	0–20
8	ENKA_2	Vibrato and echo 2 (enka)	0–20
9	ENKA_3	Vibrato and echo 3 (enka)	0–20
10	EMPHASIS	Emphasizes "buried" vocals	0–20
11	CHORISTER	Detuned choral effect	0–20
12	QUIVERING VOICE	Strong vocal vibrato	0–30
13	SCREAMING	Flanged vocal sound	0–30
14	PANNING VOICE	Pans the voice between left and right channels	0–30
15	SHOUT	Distorted "shouting" vocal sound	0–20
16	LO-FI VOICE	Low-fidelity vocal sound	0–20
17	MEGAPHONE	Vocal sound through a megaphone	0–100
18	DUET	Mixed duet in harmony	±17

12 – Messages

The following is a list of the popup messages that may appear on the MP-VT1. Use this list if one of these popup messages appears and you want to check the meaning or confirm a proper response.

Message	Meaning and response
File not found	Appears when the audio file cannot be found or the file is corrupted. Use a computer to check and reload the audio file.
Non-Supported	This appears when the audio file is not a supported encoding format. Use a computer to check the file format and reencode it and reload it if necessary.
Battery Empty	This warning appears when the battery is almost out of power. Use a USB connection or an AC adapter (sold separately) to recharge it.
I/O Too Short	This appears when using the I/O key to start loop playback if the IN and OUT points are too close together. Reset the IN and OUT points a little further apart and try again.
File Not Found	The file in the PLAYLIST cannot be found. Please confirm that the file is still in the MUSIC folder.
PLAYLIST	
No PLAYLIST	No files are in the PLAYLIST. This popup appears when the PLAY MODE is set to PLAYLIST, but no files have voice canceln added to the PLAYLIST. Add a file to the PLAYLIST. See "Adding tracks to the playlist" on page 16.
PLAYLIST FULL	This message appears if you try to add another track to the PLAYLIST when it already has 99 tracks. Erase an unneeded file from the PLAYLIST and then add a new file. See "Editing the playlist" on page 16.
Memory Error	This message appears if the setup data saved in the Flash Memory is invalid, or is damaged. Press ENTER when the display shows Are you Sure? to initialize the
Init Memory	setup data. Caution that the setup data reverts to the factory settings when ini- tialization is executed.
Format Error	This message appears if the FAT format in the Flash Memory is invalid, or is damaged. Also, it appears if the Flash Memory was formatted with a computer.
Format Memory	Use the MP-VT1 and press ENTER when the display shows Are you Sure? to
	format the Flash Memory with FAT. <i>Caution that current data in the Flash Memory will be erased when this FAT format operation is executed.</i>
Not Found File	This message appears if the system file cannot be found. Press ENTER when the display shows fine you Sure? to create the system file automatically.
Make Sys File	
Invalid SysFile	This message appears if the system file is invalid, or is damaged. Press ENTER when the display shows Are you Sure? to overwrite with a correct system file
Make Sys file	automatically.

Message	Meaning and response
Not Continued	If any of these errors occurs, turn the MP-VT1 power OFF and restart the unit. If the error message continues to appear, contact a TEAC Repair Center.
File Error	
FX Rx Failed	
FX Busy	
Can't Save	
Data	
Memory Error	
Player Error	
Device Error	
System Err 50	
System Error 1	
System Error 2	
System Error 3	
System Error 4	
System Error 5	
System Error 6	
System Error 7	
System Error 8	
System Error 9	

13 – Recycling the Battery

This unit uses a lithium ion battery. Lithium ion batteries are a valuable, recyclable resource. Before disposing of this unit, please remove and recycle its battery.

WARNING

NEVER TAKE THE UNIT APART FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO REMOVE THE BATTERY BEFORE DISPOSAL!

How to remove the rechargeable battery

Before removing the battery, turn the unit power switch ON and drain the battery until it ceases to function. (Set the **AUTO OFF** function to **OFF**. See "Automatic power off" on page 22.)

1 Remove the four side screws and remove the upper case.



2 Remove the battery from the unit and detach the connector.





Rated audio input and output			
Mic Input	Standard phone jack (r	mono, unbalanced)	
Input impedance	$> 20 \text{ k}\Omega$		
Maximum input level	-20 dBV		
Standard input level	-40 dB		
Stundul a Input le tel			
Phones/Line Out	1/8" (3.5 mm) stereo jack		
Maximum output	20 mW + 20 mW (with 32 Ω headphones connected)		
Audio performance			
Frequency characteristics	20 – 20,000 Hz +1/–3	dB (Mic Input > Phones/Line Out)	
Total Harmonic Distortion	<0.05% (Mic Input > Line Out)		
S/N ratio (Line Out)	>80 dB (0 dBV)		
Other specifications			
MP3 file support	Bit rate	32–320 kbps	
	Sampling frequency	44.1 kHz	
	VBR files	Supported	
	ID3 tag display	Up to Ver 2.4	
	Note that loop playb not always set correc	ack IN and OUT points may tly for VBR MP3 files.	
Memory medium	Built-in flash memory	y (1 GB)	
File system	FAT16 (recognizes a maximum combined total of 550 files and folders)		
Built-in lithium ion battery	3.7V DC		
Power consumption	About 1.5 W (during MP3 playback)		
Dimensions (W x H x D)	$78 \times 110 \times 25.5 \text{ mm} (3.1 \times 4.3 \times 1 \text{ inches})$ excluding protrusions		
Weight (including lithium ion battery)	220 g (7.8 ounces)		
Accessory (sold separately)	AC adapter (PS-P520)		
Minimum computer requirements			
Windows PC	Windows 2000, XP, an	nd Vista	
	300 MHz Pentium		
	128 MB memory		
	USB port with 500 mA	A bus power (USB 2.0 recommended)	
Macintosh	Mac OS 10.2 or later		
	266 MHz Power PC (including iMacs, G3 and G4 processors)		
	64 MB memory		
	-	A bus power (USB 2.0 recommended)	
Recommended	uended USB host controller, Intel chipset		

Stored settings

The following settings are saved when the MP-VT1 power is turned OFF. They are the same when the power is turned ON again.

- EFFECT settings
- TUNER settings
- METRONOME settings
- PB CONTROL settings
- Loop playback ON/OFF status
- Loop IN and OUT point settings
- Playback mode
- Mix balance

- Auto power OFF setting
- Currently active track
- Output volume settings
- Backlight OFF Setting

Dimensions







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