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Precautions

When using the SD21 video camera, adhere to the following precautions:

1. Do not drop, knock or shake the video camera.
2. Do not put the video camera close to an object that generates strong magnetic field, such as a magnet or a motor. Do not put the video camera close to an object that emits powerful radio waves, for example, an antenna. Strong magnetic field may cause faults on the video camera or damage the image / voice data.
3. Do not expose the video camera to high temperature or direct sunshine.
4. Do not put the memory card close to an object that generates strong magnetic field, such as a television set, a speaker, or a magnet. Do not put the memory card in a place where static electricity is easily generated.
5. Disconnect the power supply to stop recharging the battery immediately when over heat, smoke, or peculiar smell occurs during recharging.
6. Keep the video camera out of reach of children during recharging, because the power cable may cause asphyxia or electrical shock on children.
7. Store the video camera in a cool, dry, and dust-free place.

Preface

Thank you for purchasing AEE SD21 series compact high-definition (HD) digital video camera, which has the following characteristics:

- Ultra small size and integrated structure
- User-friendly interfaces
- Easy operations
- Hand-free shooting to facilitate shooting of real scenarios at any time and place
- Superior recording performance thanks to dynamic HD shooting technologies, providing you with exciting video shooting experience

This manual describes how to install and use the SD21 video camera. It also provides information about use, operations, installation precautions, and technical specifications of the SD21 video camera. Before using the SD21 video camera, read and understand this manual carefully and keep it properly for future use. Designed to meet the professional requirements, AEE SD21 video camera will serve you in a long term.

Warranty

This product has been certified by certification bodies for compliance with related safety regulations and specifications issued by the federal communications commission (FCC) and council of Europe (CE).

Overview

The SD21 video camera is a compact high-end HD digital camera intended for professional applications. It provides the following functions:

- Performs industry-leading HD digital shooting.
- Stores voice data.
- Displays images in real time.
- Performs video recording.
- Takes pictures.
- Displays time.
- Provides laser indication.
- Performs wireless remote control.
- Performs 10X digital zooming.
- Connects to an external special-purpose microphone.
- Performs USB 2.0 high-speed data transmission.
- Recharges the battery in USB mode.
- Accessories are available to facilitate shooting at any time and place. Multiple patents of invention and technology are integrated in the SD21 video camera.

Dispose of properly. Recycle it for a greener earth!



Features

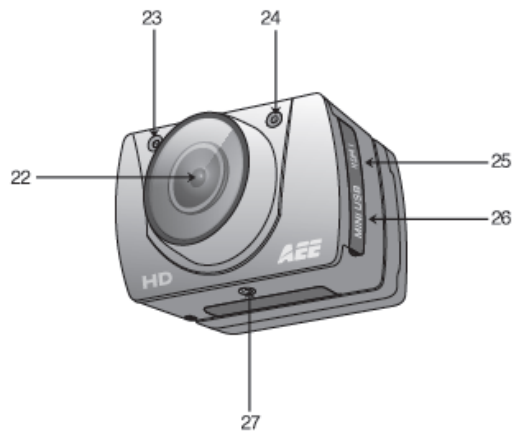
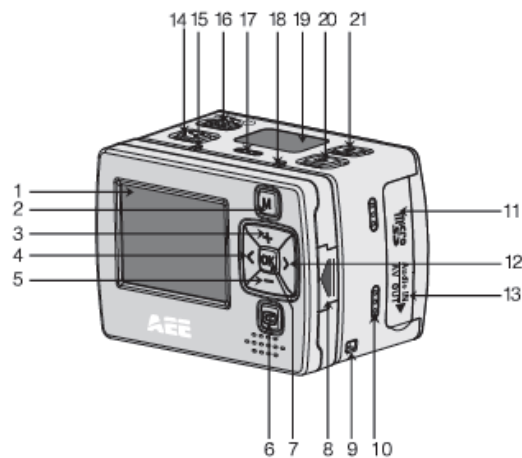
The SD21 video camera has the following features:

- Provides 170° ultra-wide-angle f/2.8 lens.
- Provides a special-purpose HD lens, which supports 1080P, 1080i, 960P, 720P and 480P video recording.
- Takes 16M pixels pictures in 4608 x 3456 resolution
- Performs 10X digital zooming.
- Performs shooting in multiple modes, such as single-key capturing, consecutive three-picture capturing, and automatically continuous capturing.
- Provides an independent voice recording function for long-time voice recording.
- Provides the remote control function.
- Connects to an external TFT screen to view the video recording and playback.
- Provides better video effects in multiple video output modes (PAL system):
 - 1080i (1920x1080) 50 frames/second
 - 1080P (1920x1080) 25 frames/second
 - 960P (1280x960) 25 frames/second
 - 720P (1280x720) 50 frames/second
- 720P (1280x720) 25 frames/second
- WVGA (848x480) 100 frames/second
- WVGA (848x480) 50 frames/second
- Detects power level of the battery and free capacity of the memory card.
- Supports external T-flash (TF) cards for storage, up to 64 GB capacity.
- Performs dynamic high-speed video recording, with light and shade environment transient response.
- Detects light in three modes to meet exposure requirements in different scenarios.
- Provides night shooting mode with contrast and ISO enhancements, improving the clearness and sharpness of night scenarios.
- Provides compact and fashionable design.
- Provides HDMI and AV output interfaces for easy connecting to HD monitor or TV set to view record files.
- Records video programs in MOV format to facilitate playback on a PC and uploading to video-sharing websites.

- Provide high color fidelity to present more clear and natural video images.
- A wireless remote controller can remotely control the SD21 video camera for video recording, stopping, and shooting. Provides a unique code pairing function to avoid interferences from other remote controllers.
- Supports playback, deleting files and other operations on the local video camera.
- Supports 1/4X, 1/2X, 2X, 4X, 8x, and 16X fast forwarding, fast rewinding, and playback.
- Supports RTC time settings and time overlapping.
- Supports USB 2.0.
- Provides a built-in microphone for high-quality recording.

- Supports connecting to an external microphone (special-purpose microphone only),
- Provides a 1/4-inch general-purpose interface to facilitate extension of accessories.
- Provides multiple types of sport accessories for sport recording.
- Provides shockproof features to withstand mild drop or knock.
- Provides an IP68 waterproof housing, withstanding a diving depth of 100 meters, and two-types of rear-cover designs.
- Provides automatic standby for power saving, and supports automatic saving of audio and video data.

Structure



1. TFT screen	2. Menu key	3. Upward key	4. Leftward key	5. Downward key	6. Playback key
7. OK key	8. TFT screen lock knob	9. Wrist strap hole	10. Buzzer	11. SD card slot	12. Rightward key
13. AV out/Audio in	14. Record key	15. Video/Audio indicator (Green)	16. Power switch	17. Microphone	18. Operating/Recharging indicator (Red)
19. LCD segment screen	20. Shutter key	21. Stop key	22. Lens	23. Video/Photo indicator Green	24. Laser indicator
25. HDMI output	26. USB output interface	27. Threaded interface			

Use and Installation

1. Installing the SD21 video camera

The SD21 video camera can be hand-held or used with hand-free accessories. It can be installed at your desired place or, after being equipped with a waterproof housing, placed in water for shooting underwater sceneries.

How to install the SD21 video camera

1. Assemble the TFT screen onto the video camera.			2. Put the SD21 video camera into the waterproof housing.		
TFT screen	Video camera	Assemble the TFT screen onto the video camera	Video camera	Waterproof housing	Put the video camera into the waterproof housing

** To remove the TFT screen, press the PUSH snap button and then remove it. **

2. Installing the Remote Controller

The SD21 video camera is equipped with an independent remote controller, which can be placed at different positions, depending on the accessories.





1. Velcro	2. Back clip	3. Binding strap (provided by users)

Preparations


Before using the SD21 video camera, complete the following preparations:

① Power on the SD21 video camera and check the power level


Turn the power switch to the **ON** position to initiate the system. After the red indicator is on, the corresponding symbols on the LCD screen turns on and then the system enters the preview state. On the LCD segment screen, you can find the following information:

- A Recording mode: The current recording mode is displayed on the LCD segment screen. The  icon indicates the video mode, whereas the  icon indicates audio mode.
- B Photo mode: The  (shooting) icon is displayed on the screen. This icon blinks once for each shooting.
- C Power symbol: The  (power supply) icon is displayed in the upper-right corner. When the system is working, this icon is constantly on. If this icon disappears, it indicates the SD21 video camera is in power-off or standby state.
- D Video recording duration: In the medium row of the LCD segment screen displays the duration of the current recording video, for example, 005:20. In the preview state, press the **Record** key once to display the duration of the video recording, and press "**Stop**" key once to hide the duration.


Note: The duration for video recording on the LCD segment screen is synchronously displayed with that on the TFT screen.

- E **Battery capacity indication:** The  (battery capacity) icon is displayed in the bottom-left corner. This icon indicates the battery level when the video camera is powered on. The more bars the power indicator has, the more power the battery has.




Note: When the video camera is in the standby or power-off state, the power icon is not displayed.


- F **USB connection mode:** The  (USB mode) icon indicates whether the video camera has been connected to a computer. When the video camera is powered on and connected to a computer, this

icon is lit with the green indicator on the left side blinking slowly. When the video camera is not connected to a computer, this icon is not displayed.

- G TF card capacity indication: The  (TF card capacity) icon is displayed in the bottom-right corner, indicating the available space of the TF card. The more bars the power indicator has, the more free space you have. If the TF card is full, the green indicator on the left side is constantly on.

At this time, on the TFT screen, you can find the following information:

- A Working mode: The  (Video recording) symbol is displayed in the upper-left corner, indicating that the video camera is ready for video recording.
- B Battery capacity: The  (battery power) symbol is displayed in the upper-left corner, indicating the battery level.
- C Video resolution: The resolution icon in the bottom-left corner indicates the current video recording resolution.
- D Available storage capacity: If a memory card is available upon power-on of the video camera, the  (free space of the memory card) icon is displayed in the bottom-right corner.
- E There is no response for < and > keys in the preview state.
- F When using the supplied power supply or USB cable to recharge the battery **in power off**, the "Working/recharging red indicator" on the top of the video camera blinks slowly. The red indicator will be constantly on upon full recharging. The recharging time lasts for about three hours.

Note: Before using the video camera, check whether the battery has sufficient power. If the power level is low, use the power adapter supplied with the video camera or USB cable to recharge the battery. The "Working/recharging red indicator" blinks slowly during the recharging. Upon full recharging, the red indicator is constantly on, and the  (battery power) symbol is displayed on the TFT screen.


- ② Formatting the Micro SD card

The Micro SD card must be a high-speed card. Before video/audio recording and shooting pictures, format the Micro SD card on the SD21 video camera. If a Micro SD card has been used on other devices, it should also be formatted on the SD21 video camera for normal use.

Note: Before formatting, make sure the files in the memory and Micro SD card are not needed. Even the locked files on the video camera can be removed in formatting.

③ Setting the date and time

To set the date and time, perform the following operations:

- In the preview mode under power-on state, press the **M** key to display the menu interface.
- Press **>** to enter the  system setup interface.
- Press **+** or **-** to display the **Date/Time** menu.
- Press **OK** to display the **Date/Time** interface shown as follows:



The digits under the cursor will turn blue and adjustable.

- Press **+** or **-** to adjust the date or time.
- Press **OK** after adjusting the date or time.
- Press the **M** key to exit the interface.



Parameter Settings















To set parameters, perform the following operations:




- In the preview mode under power-on state, press the **M** key to display the menu interface.
- Press the **<** or **>** key to choose a left or right option from the menu interface.
- Press the **+** or **-** key to choose an upper or lower option from the menu interface.
- After selecting an option, press OK to save settings.
- Press the M key again to save the setting and exit the interface.

Note: After power-on, the video camera adopts all the preset settings, except for audio recording mode. You can change settings as you desire.

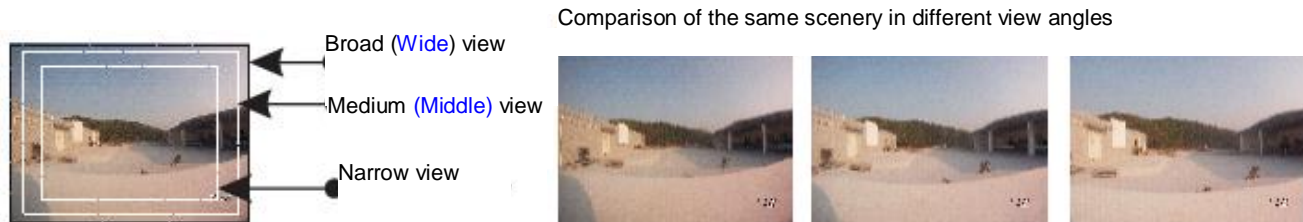
① Set video camera parameters.

- a Exe.: Select  (the default mode) for video recording and  for audio only.
- b Resolution for video recording: Select the desired resolution for video recording. You can set this parameter to the 1080P, 1080i, 960P, 720P, or WVGA resolution.





For the PAL system	 1920×1080P 25f 16:9	 1920×1080i 50f 16:9	 1280×960P 25f 4:3	 1280×720P 50f 16:9	 1280×720P 25f 16:9	 848×480P 100f 16:9	 848×480P 50f 16:9
For the NTSL system	 1920×1080P 30f 16:9	 1920×1080i 60f 16:9	 1280×960P 30f 4:3	 1280×720P 60f 16:9	 1280×720P 30f 16:9	 848×480P 120f 16:9	 848×480P 60f 16:9

- c View: This parameter involves three types of views: broad (**Wide**) view () , medium (**Middle**) view () , and narrow view () .

The following example shows the same picture in different views:



The preceding views apply only to the 1080P or 1080i HD video recording and photo modes. You can select a view angle as you desire.

- d Bit rate: This parameter can be set to High bit rate () or Normal (). If this parameter is set to High, pictures are clearer, but the file size increases.
- e Laser SYNC video: Select  to enable the laser indicator, or select  (the default option) to disable the laser indicator.
- f Pre-video: In the preview state, press the **M** key to enter the video recording setup interface, choose **Pre-video** to enable the pre-video recording function.
In this mode, press the **Record** key to enable the pre-recording function, that is, the video recording starts without saving the data; press the **Record key** again, the last a few seconds of the pre-recorded video will be saved as the starting part of the video recording file.
- g Auto video: In the preview state, press the **M** key to enter the video recording setup interface, choose **Auto video**, and set the count-down time before the automatic video recording. The available options are **OFF, 5 s, 10 s, or 20s**.
- h Display time: In the preview state, press the **M** key to enter the video recording setup interface, choose **DISPLAY TIME**.
If you set this parameter to **ON**, the video camera automatically records the date and time during video recording and displays them in the bottom-right corner of the screen. If you set this parameter to

OFF, the video camera does not display the date and time during video recording. (The display time function is unavailable for video recording in **1080i**, **WVGA/100fps**, and **WVGA/120fps** modes.)

Note:

- a In audio recording mode, press the **Record** key once to start audio recording. The audio recording duration is displayed in the upper-right corner of the TFT screen, and the green indicator blinks slowly. Press the Stop key to stop and store the currently recorded audio file. In such a situation, the green indicator is off, and the red indicator is constantly on (the operation prompt is displayed on the LCD segment screen), and the video camera restores to the state for audio recording.
- b During audio recording, the video camera responds only to the **Stop**, **Power off** keys.
- c When the laser SYNC video function is enabled, the laser icon is displayed in the upper-left corner of the preview screen, indicating that the video camera is in such a shooting mode. The laser will be turned when starting video recording, and turned off when stopping video recording.
- d When the pre-video and **auto** video functions are both enabled, press the **Record** key to automatically record the time in reverse counting mode; press the **Record** key again, the last a few seconds of the pre-recorded video will be saved as the starting part of the video recording file.
- e Zooming is not required in **WVGA/100fps**, and **WVGA/120fps** video recording mode.

② Set camera parameters.

- a Resolution: Select the required resolution for shooting. You can set this parameter to **3.0M**, **5.0M**, or **8.0M**.
- b Single shot: When the camera is set to the single-shot (single-key shooting) mode, one picture is captured when the **Photo** key is pressed once.
- c Continuous capture (three): When the **Photo** key is pressed once, three pictures are continuously captured, and three click tones are also continuously generated.

- d Auto cont. capture: Pictures is captured at intervals of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 or 60 seconds until the Stop key is released, the memory card is full, or the battery power is low.
- e Timed shooting: Select the reverse-counting time for auto-shooting (This parameter can be set to OFF, 3s, 5s, or 10s), and choose **Timed Shooting** and press the **M** key to return to the preview state. Then press the **Photo** key to start reverse counting timer. When the preset time is reached, the auto-shooting indicator blinks, and the camera takes a picture. To restore to other shooting modes, set **Timed Shooting** to **OFF**. Otherwise, the camera maintains in timed shooting mode.
- f Display time: In the preview state, press the **M** key. On the setup interface, choose **Display Time**. If you set this parameter to ON in advance, the camera automatically records the date and time during shooting and displays them in the bottom-lower corner of the photo. If you set this parameter to OFF in advance, the camera does not display the date and time during shooting. (**The display time function is unavailable for photo shooting in 1080i, 960P/50fps, WVGA/100fps, and WVGA/120fps modes**).

Note:

1. The timed shooting function and other shooting functions cannot be simultaneously enabled. Set Timed shooting to **OFF** to restore to the other shooting modes. Otherwise, the camera is defaulted in timed shooting mode.
2. In single shot mode, the **Auto cont. capture** parameter is automatically set to OFF.
3. **If the Auto cont capture parameter is set to 1s, the time display function is unavailable.**

③ Set system parameters

- a Warning tone: Set this parameter to **ON** to enable the tick tone or **OFF** to mute the tick tone.

Note: This parameter cannot be set to mute the prompt tones for shooting and video recording. Instead, this parameter can only be set to mute the tone generated upon pressing a key on the TFT screen and no-operation prompt tones.

- b Status indicator: After choosing the required menu, set this parameter to ON (turning on the status indicator) or OFF (turning off the status indicator). By default, set this parameter to ON.

- c Video content loop: When this parameter is set to ON, a recorded video file is automatically saved once by segment every 15 minutes. When this parameter is set to OFF, a recorded video file is automatically saved once by segment every 30 minutes.
- d Auto to standby: Set this parameter to OFF, 2 mins, 5 mins, or 10 mins. You can select the time for automatic standby. After presetting the time, the system starts counting time when there is no task or operation. When the preset time is reached, the D21 video camera disables the input/output and enters standby mode. During time counting, the system restarts counting time if any tasks or operations are carried out. During the standby period, the SD21 video camera starts working if the Video, Photo, or Stop key is pressed. In factory setting, this parameter is set to OFF.
- e TV output system: Set this parameter to NTSC or PAL. You can set the video system for output on a TV set. A black screen appears for two seconds during switchover between the NTSC and PAL systems, and this situation is normal.

Note: Before using the video camera, select NTSC or PAL depending on your region. After the video system is selected, the light source frequency also changes to avoid image blinking during video recording.

- f Contrast: Set this parameter to **Standard** by default. To improve the image effect during night shooting, set this parameter to **Enhanced**.
- g ISO sensitivity: This parameter is set to Auto by default. To improve the image effect during night shooting, set this parameter to **Low lux**.
- h Metering: Set this parameter to **Average** by default to ensure the general exposure effect. If the central area is dark but the surrounding area is bright, set this parameter to **Central Area** to improve the imaging effect in the central dark area. If the central area is bright but the surrounding area is dark, set this parameter to **Central Spot** to improve the imaging effect for the surrounding dark area.
- i Language: Press the < or > key to [choose your desired language](#).
- j Date/time: You can adjust the date and time, which are overlapped in the bottom-right corner of a video or shooting file during video recording or shooting.
- k Format: Select **Format** to remove all the files.

Note: If no memory card is inserted, the video camera formats its built-in memory. If a memory card is inserted, the video camera formats the memory card rather than its memory.

- l Recover factory setting (**default**): This parameter restores all parameter settings to the factory settings. After you set this parameter, the system displays all the menu options in **English**. Press the M key to display menu options. Press the < or > key to display the **System Setup** menu. Press the – key, and choose **Language**. Then **set the system in your desired language**. After resetting to the factory setting, the system displays **01/01/2012 00:00** for the time.
- m Ver: This parameter only shows the version number of the software used on the video camera.

Note: When selecting a state from a submenu, press the **M** key for a backward operation, and press **OK** for confirmation.

Operations

1. Insert a Micro SD card into the SD21 Video Camera

Note: Use a branded Micro SD card, for example, Transcend Class 10 memory card.

2. Powering on the SD21 Video Camera

Turn the power switch to the ON position to power on the SD21 video camera. At this time, the red indicator is on, and the SD21 video camera changes to the preview state.

Note: a. If the battery power is low, the  symbol is displayed on the TFT screen together with a prompt.

b. If no Micro SD card is inserted, no symbol is displayed in the bottom-right corner of the TFT screen.

3. Recording a Video

In the preview state, press the **Record** key to start video recording. The video recording duration is displayed in the upper-right part of the TFT screen. The "Video/Audio indicator (green)" and the "Video/Photo indicator green" on the top of the video camera blink slowly. The recording duration is correctly displayed on the LCD segment screen. During video recording, the video camera responds only to operations for the zoom out (+) and zoom in (-) keys. Press the **Stop** key once to stop and save the currently recorded video file, and the video indicator (green) on the front side is off. The video camera restores to the preview state. The recording duration disappears on the LCD segment screen.

Note:

a During video recording, turn the power switch to the **OFF** position to power off the video camera after saving the currently recorded file.

b During video recording, if the battery power runs low, the system saves the currently recorded file and enters standby mode, displaying a prompt of "Low Battery" on the TFT screen, until the video camera is powered off.

c During video recording, if the Micro SD card is full, the system saves the currently recorded file. The system also displays a message "Card full" on the TFT screen, indicating that the Micro SD card is full. In

addition, the duration for video recording stops on the LCD segment screen, and the system restores to the preview state.

d In cyclic recording mode, the system automatically saves a file every 15 minutes. (The cyclic recording function and the pre-video function cannot be simultaneously enabled.)

e If the D23 backup battery is provided and fully recharged, the video camera can continuously record video programs for about four hours and record audio programs for about seven hours.


f In WVGA/100 and WVGA/120 modes, the video camera does not support the time display, zooming, and 180° photo rollover functions. In 1080i/50 and 1080i/60 modes, the video camera does not support the time display function.

g In audio recording mode, the volume cannot be adjusted by pressing the + or – key. In playback, however, the volume can be adjusted by pressing the + or – key.

h If the video camera provides a TFT screen and is in the preview state, after using a HDMI cable to connect the video camera to a HD display device, you can perform basic operations for the video camera on the HD display device (These basic operations, however, cannot be performed if no TFT screen is available on the video camera).

4. Taking a Picture

Before taking a picture, perform the following operations to set the image resolution.

- Press the **M** key to display the setup interface.
- Press the **>** key to display the camera setup interface (.
- Press the + or – key and choose **Image Resolution**.
- Press **OK** to display the resolution setup menu.

You can set the resolution to any of the following three modes:

3M, with an image resolution of 2048 x 1536.

5M, with an image resolution of 2592 x 1944.

8M, with an image resolution of 3200 x 2400.

Four photo shooting modes are available for the video camera.

- a. Single shot (the default mode)

In the preview state, press the **Photo** key once to take a picture while the system generates a click tone. The green indicator on the front side of the video camera also blinks once (the shooting icon on the LCD segment screen blinks once), and the video camera restores to the preview state.

b. Continuous capture (three)

On the camera setup interface, press the + or – key and choose **Single Photo**. Press **OK** to display the interface. Press the > key, and choose **Continuous capture (three)**. Press **OK** again to exit the interface. Press the **M** key to exit the camera setup interface. After setting is complete, the SD21 video camera continuously takes three pictures when you press the Photo key once.

c. Auto cont capture


On the camera setup interface, press the – key and choose **Auto Cont Capture**. Press **OK** to set the time interval for continuous shooting to OFF, 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, 20s, 30s or 60s. **After** press the > key to set the time interval, **press “OK” again to exit the interface**. Press the **M** key to exit the setup interface. At this time, if you press the **Photo** key, the SD21 video camera takes a picture at each interval until you press the Stop key to cancel shooting.

d. Timed shooting

On the camera setup interface, press the + key and choose **Timed Shooting**. Press **OK** to set the time in auto-shooting mode to OFF, 3 s, 5 s, or 10 s. Press the > key, and choose **Timed Shooting**. Press **OK** again to save and exit the interface. Press the **M** key to exit the camera setup interface. After setting is complete, the SD21 video camera starts reverse-counting timer when you press the **Photo** key once. When the preset time is reached, the SD21 video camera takes a picture.


5. Recording an Audio File

To record an audio file, perform the following operations:

- Press the **M** key on the video camera setup interface, choose **Exe.**, and then press **OK** to display the video and audio options.
- Press the < or > key, and choose  for audio only, and press **OK** again. The system gets ready for audio recording.

- Press the **Record** key to start recording an audio file. At this time, the green indicator blinks slowly. The video camera also displays the audio recording symbol on the TFT screen and starts counting time. In addition, the recording duration is correctly displayed on the LCD segment screen.
- Press the **Stop** key to save and stop the currently recorded audio file. At this time, the green indicator on the front side is off. The video camera restores to the preview state for audio recording. The recording duration also disappears on the LCD segment screen.






After audio recording is complete, press the **M** key. On the system setup interface, choose **Exe.**, and press **OK** to display the **Audio** option. Press **OK** to display the video and audio options, and choose **Video**. Press **OK** again to exit the setup interface. The video camera restores to the preview state for video recording.

Note: a. Power on the video camera again to restore to the video recording mode. After audio recording is complete, you can also press the  key twice to restore to the video recording mode.

b. Press and hold the Stop key for two seconds to directly change the video camera to the ready state for audio only.


6. Playing Back a File

You can view the recorded audio/video and photo files on the SD21 video camera. To view a file, perform the following operations:


- Press the  key to display the playback interface. Press the  key again to exit the playback interface.
- Select  (the video files interface) to view a recorded video file. Select  (the photo files interface) to view a photo file. Select  (the video & photo interface) to view all the video, audio, and photo files.

If there are many files, it takes a few seconds time for the video camera to display the preview interface.

1) Playing a Video File


To play a video file, perform the following operations: On the video file interface () , press the +, -, >, or < key to display all the files displayed in thumbnails. Select the required file, and press OK to play it.

When playing a video file, you can use the following keys:

Key	Description	Key	Description
+	Turns up the sound volume.	-	Turns down the sound volume.
<	Plays a file in slow rewind mode when you press and hold this key for a long time. Plays a file in fast rewind mode when you press and hold this key for a short time.	>	Plays a file in slow forward mode when you press and hold this key for a long time. Plays a file in fast forward mode when you press and hold this key for a short time.
	Resets and plays a file from the beginning when you press this key. Returns to the playback interface when you press this key again.	OK	Starts or suspends playing a video file when you press this key.


Note: You can set the fast forward and rewind functions to a 2-, 4-, 8-, or 16-X speed. You can also set the slow forward and rewind functions to a 1/2- or 1/4-X speed. During the slow or fast play, you can press OK to resume normal playing.

2) Viewing a Photo File



To view a photo file, perform the following operations: On the photo file interface () , press the +, -, >, or < key to display all the files displayed in thumbnails. Select the required file, and press OK to view it.

When viewing a photo file, you can use the following keys:


Key	Description	Key	Description
+	Zooms in a picture. In zoom-in mode, locks a picture and moves it downwards when you press OK.	-	Zooms out a picture. In zoom-in mode, locks a picture and moves it upwards when you press OK.

<	Moves a picture rightwards.	>	Moves a picture leftwards.
	Resets and plays a file from the beginning when you press this key. Returns to the playback interface when you press this key again.	OK	In zoom-in mode, switches between the + and - keys.

3) Playing an Audio File

To play an audio file, perform the following operations: On the video & photo interface () , press the > or < key to display all the audio files in  mode. Select the required file, and press OK to play it.

When playing an audio file, you can use the following keys:

Key	Description	Key	Description
+	Turns up the sound volume.	-	Turns down the sound volume.
<	No function is provided.	>	No function is provided.
	Resets and plays a file from the beginning when you press this key. Returns to the playback interface when you press this key again.	OK	Starts or suspends playing an audio file when you press this key.

Note: The fast forward and rewind functions are not provided for playing an audio file.

7. Deleting, Protecting, and Automatically Playing a File in Playback Mode

In playback mode, you can press the **M** key to delete, protect, and automatically play a file.

1) Deleting a File

On the video, photo, or video & photo interface, you can delete corresponding files.

To delete a file, perform the following operations: Select a file to be deleted. Press the **M** key to display the operation interface. The following options are displayed on the operation interface.

- Delete single: deletes a picture. Press OK to display the options for deletion. Select ✓ or ✕ based on the screen prompts. Select ✓ to delete a file.
- Delete all: deletes all the unprotected pictures.

2) Protecting a File

On the video, photo, or video & photo interface, you can protect corresponding files.

To protect a file, perform the following operations: Select a file to be protected. Press the **M** key to display the operation interface. The following options are displayed on the operation interface.

- Protect single: protects a file.

Press **OK** to display the options for protection. After you select the option to protect single file and press **OK**, the system automatically returns to the playback interface.

- Protect all: protects all the files.


Press **OK** to display the options for protection. After you select the option to protect all files, the system automatically returns to the playback interface.


- Unlock single: unlocks a protected file.

Press **OK** to display the options for protection. After you select the option to unlock single file and press **OK**, the system automatically returns to the playback interface.

- Unlock all: unlocks all the protected files.

Press **OK** to display the options for protection. After you select the option to unlock all files and press **OK**, the system automatically returns to the playback interface.

Note: For a protected file, the  icon in gray is displayed in the bottom-left corner of the preview interface.

After being unlocked, a file is unprotected, and the  icon in blue is displayed in the bottom-left corner of the preview interface. A protected file cannot be deleted, but can be deleted by a formatting operation.

3) Automatically Playing a File

In the photo file interface, the SD21 video camera can automatically play photos in sequence after every five seconds.

To automatically play a file, perform the following operations: Enable the playback function, and press OK.

8. Using a Remote Controller

The SD21 video camera is equipped with a remote controller, which is used for control of video recording, shooting as well as turning on/off laser. After you pressing a key, the red indicator on the remote controller blinks once. The following figure shows the functional keys of the remote controller.

To match the functions of the remote controller with those of the SD21 video camera, perform the following operations for code pairing before using the remote controller.

- Press and hold the **Record** key on the SD21 video camera in power-off mode.
- Turn the power switch to the **ON** position.
- Release the **Record** key, and within 3 seconds, press the **Video** and **Stop** keys on the remote controller at the same time.

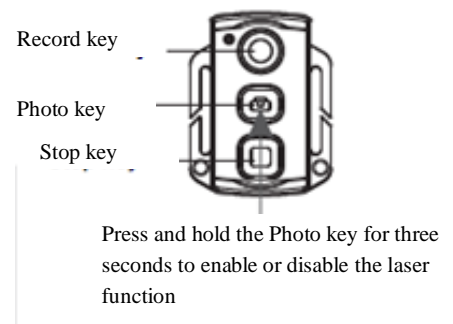
After successful code pairing, the SD21 video camera generates the tick tone twice.

Note:

- To check whether code pairing is successful, use the wireless remote controller to control the SD21 video camera. The control functions include starting/stopping video recording, shooting, waking-up in standby mode, and turning on/off the laser indicator. For each operation, the SD21 video camera ticks once, indicating that the operation takes effect. When you use the remote controller to stop video recording or turn off the laser indicator, the SD21 video camera ticks twice.
- The remote controller must be no more than 10 meters away from the camera, without any obstacle in between.
- In standby mode, you can press the **Record, Photo, or Stop** key on the remote controller to wake up the SD21 video camera.

9. Wake up SD21 in Standby Mode

The SD21 video camera enters preview mode after power-on by default. If no task or operation is carried out within the preset standby time, the system automatically enters the standby mode to save power. To wake up



the camera from standby state, you can press the **Record, Photo, or Stop key**, or press **any** key on the remote controller.

Note:

- a. In the standby state, the system does not wake up when you **press any key** on the TFT screen.
- b. In the standby state, no information is displayed on the LCD segment screen.

10. Connecting AV Output

In the preview state, connect the SD21 video camera to a display device using an AV cable, while the SD21 video camera can still implement all its functions.

11. Connecting HDMI Output

In the preview state, connect the SD21 video camera to an HD display device using an HDMI cable.

Note: Incorrect removal of the HDMI cable may result in exceptions on the SD21 video camera. After being restarted, the SD21 video camera can restore to the normal state.

12. Connecting the SD21 video camera in USB Mode

a. If no battery is built in the SD21 video camera, connect the SD21 video camera to a USB power adapter to implement all the functions. The operation prompts are displayed on the LCD segment screen and the TFT screen.

b. In the power-on state, use a USB cable to connect the SD21 video camera to a computer for accessing the data in its memory and the Micro SD card.

The USB-connected icon is displayed on the LCD segment screen, and the green indicator also blinks slowly.

c. Incorrect removal of the USB cable may result in exceptions on the SD21 video camera. After being restarted, the SD21 video camera can restore to the normal state.

13. Prompt Tones upon Operations

The SD21 video camera can generate various prompt tones upon operations.

a. In normal cases, the SD21 video camera ticks once when you press the **Record** or **Photo** key, indicating that the operation is valid.

b. Upon stopping video recording, the SD21 video camera ticks twice, indicating that the video recording operation stops.

- c If code pairing is successful upon power-on, the SD21 video camera ticks twice, indicating that the code pairing operation is successful.
- d During video recording, the SD21 video camera does not generate tick tone when you press the **Photo** key.
- e When any operations are performed on the TFT screen, you can enable or disable prompt tone as following. Press the **M** key when the SD21 video camera is in the preview state. Then press the > or < key to display the **Setup** menu. Press the + or – key, and select **Warning tone** to make settings.
- f During video recording, the SD21 video camera ticks twice when you press the **Stop** key on the remote controller, indicating that the video recording operation stops.
- g During video recording, no prompt tone is generated by the SD21 video camera or by the speaker on the TFT screen when you press the **Photo** key on the remote controller.
- h In the standby state, the SD21 video camera ticks twice when you press a key on the remote controller, indicating that the system wakes up.

14. Laser Indicators

The SD21 video camera provides laser indicators for warning operations.

- a After the SD21 video camera is powered on, the laser indicator is turned on when you press and hold the **Record** key for three seconds, regardless of the working state.
- b If the laser indicator is on, it will be turned off when you press and hold the **Record** key for three seconds.
- c In the standby state, you can also turn on/off the laser indicator.
- d You can use a wireless remote controller to turn on/off the laser indicator.

Note: Pressing the **Record** key for three seconds to turn on/off the laser indicator does not affect the settings of the **Laser SYNC video** parameters in "Parameter Settings."

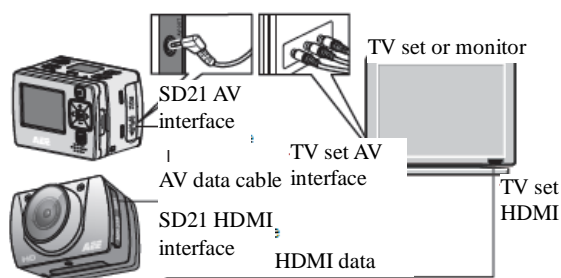
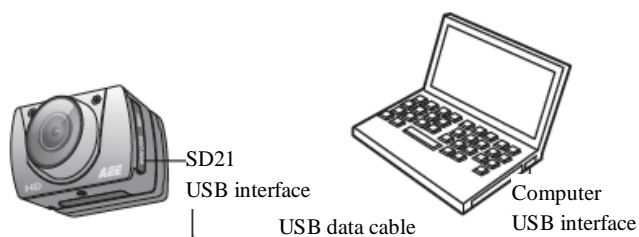
15. Turning On/Off the TFT Screen

- a When the **SD21** video camera is powered on, you can press and hold the **Photo** key for three seconds to turn on/off the TFT screen.
- b The **Photo** key on the remote controller cannot turn on/off the TFT screen.

Storage and Play of a File

1. Connecting a USB Data Cable

You can copy the recorded files to a computer for playing by using a USB data cable. You can also remove the Micro SD card and access the data using a card reader. Software like Media Player is preferred for playing the recorded files.



Note:

1. Before removing the USB data cable, power off the SD21 video camera.
2. When the power switch is at OFF, you can recharge the battery in the camera. At this time, the red indicator blinks slowly.
3. When the power switch is at ON, you can copy the recorded files from the SD21 video camera to a computer.

2. Connecting with an HDMI Cable or an AV Cable

You can play recorded files on a TV set or a monitor that has a HD port, using an HDMI cable to connect the SD21 video camera to the TV set or monitor.

Note:

1. After connecting to a monitor by HDMI cable, select the proper input source for the SD21 video camera to play files.
2. When using an AV cable, connect the terminals of the

AV data cable to the ports in the same color on the TV set or monitor. Ensure that the TV set or monitor is properly grounded.

3. Adjust the parameter settings of the monitor to achieve the optimal display effect.

Installation and Use of a Backup Battery (D23)

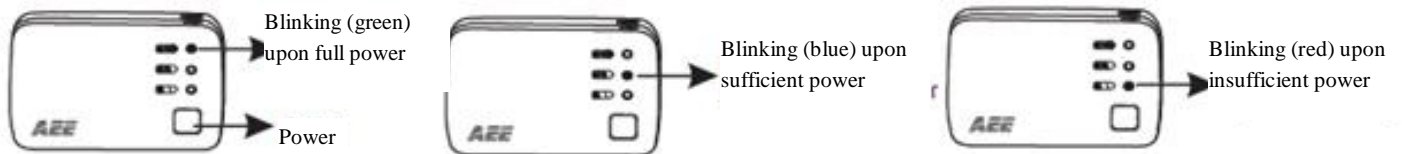
1. Installing a Battery

You can install the D23 battery onto the SD21 video camera for power supply, without setting any parameters, as shown in the following figure:



2. Checking the Battery Power

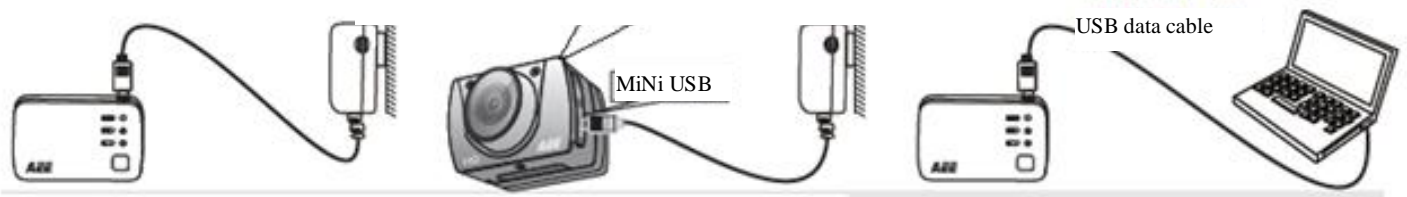
You can gently press the Power key to check the power level of the backup battery. The LED indicator on the battery blinks for three seconds in different colors to show the current power.



3. Recharging the Battery

Use a USB cable to connect the power unit of the SD21 video camera to the USB port of the D23 battery to recharge it; or connect a PC to the D23 battery using a USB cable for recharging, as shown in the following figure. This backup battery has automatic protection against overcharging and short circuit. The red indicator light keeps flashing when charging the battery and the green indicator light is on when the battery is fully charged. (The battery can be charged for 500 times.)

During recharging, the red indicator on the SD21 video camera blinks, but the red indicator on the D23 battery does not blink.



Not:

1. Do not remove the backup battery randomly.
2. If the SD21 video camera is not used for a long time, recharge the battery every six months to extend the battery life.
3. **It takes about 2 hours to fully charge this backup battery by the charger.**

Power Supply

The SD21 video camera uses a power unit in compliance with the following certifications.



UL mark
U.S. Power Certification



C-TICK mark
Australia Power Certification



CE mark
E.U. Power Certification



GS mark
Germany Power Certification



CCC mark
China Power Certification



PSE mark
Japan Power Certification



BS mark
U.K. Power Certification

Note: The surface temperature of the power unit in use may increase, and this situation is normal.

Packing List

The articles in the packing box are as follows:

SD21 video camera



TFT monitor



Remote controller



Dedicated waterproof enclosure



Standard battery



Backup battery



Flat-mounted assembly



Flat-surface accessory



L-shaped helmet accessory



Back clip



Bracket



Micro SD card



Power adapter



AV output cable



USB cable



Cloth bag



Strap



CD ROM



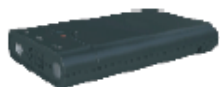
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Optional Accessories

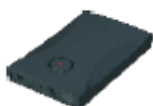
The optional accessories for the SD21 video camera are as follows:

Portable power unit (2500 mAH)



Helmet-top-mounted
accessory

Portable power unit (850 mAH)



Soft-and flat-mounted
accessory

Bicycle-mounted accessory



HDMI output cable

Bicycle-mounted accessory



Glass-suction
bracket



The precautions for movable accessories are as follows:

1. Use a rubber stopper for removable components.
2. Use the soft- and flat-mounted accessory only on a smooth plane in a car.

Technical Specifications

Technical specifications of the SD21 video camera

Option	Specifications	Option	Specifications
View angle	170°	Format for video recording (in PAL system)	1080P 1920 x 1080P @25fps 1080i 1920 x 1080i @50fps 960P 1280 x 960P @25fps 720/50 1280 x 720P @50fps 720/25 1280 x 720P @25fps WVGA 848 x 480P @100fps WVGA 848 x 480P @50fps
Number of pixels	8 million CMOS sensor (3200 x 2400)		
Battery	1000 mAh lithium battery + 1100 mAh backup battery		
Power consumption	650 mA @ 3.7 V (Max.)		
Maximum video recording time	4 hours (Max.)		
Maximum audio recording time	7 hours (Max.)	Video recording file	MOV format
Standby duration	200 hours (Max.)	Audio recording file	WAV format
Recharging duration	Approximately 3 hours	Shooting	3M, 5M, 8M JPEG images
Capacity of the Micro SD card	Up to 64 GB SDHC card	USB port	USB2.0
Operating humidity	15%–85% RH	Distance for remote control	10 meter (Max.)
Storage temperature	-20°C–+60°C	Operating system	Windows XP, Vista or Above, Windows 7, or Mac OS
Operating temperature	-10°C–+50°C	Weight	80 g (without the screen) 105 g (with the screen)

File storage	30 minutes per segment in normal cases 15 minutes per segment in cyclic recording mode	Dimensions (W x H x D)	60 mm x 51 mm x 42 mm
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Precautions for the Waterproof Housing

The waterproof housing is a precision component. When using the waterproof housing, adhere to the following precautions:

1. Do not randomly remove or change the O-ring, keys, and lens cover. Otherwise, the waterproof performance deteriorates.
2. Do not put the waterproof housing in a place where corrosive gases are easily generated due to existence of strong acid or alkali. Do not let the waterproof housing in contact with chemical or corrosive substance, such as strong acid or alkali.
3. Do not put the waterproof housing in a place where temperature is over high (50°C) or low (-10°C) for a long time to avoid deformation.
4. Do not expose it to direct sunlight for a long time to avoid deterioration of the waterproof performance.
5. Before use, ensure that the O-ring is intact, the seal is litter-free, the housing is fully sealed, and the buckle is tight.
6. After using the housing in sea water, wash it using fresh water, clean it, and dry it in a cool place.

Precautions for the 3M Dual-side Foam Tape

When using the 3M dual-side foam tape, adhere to the following precautions:

1. Before fixing the 3M dual-side foam tape, select a proper surface to ensure proper contact between the foam tape and the surface.
2. Before using the 3M dual-side foam tape, clean the surface where the foam tape is attached.
3. Before attaching the 3M dual-side foam tape, heat the surface of the foam tape, for instance, using an electric blower, especially in a place where temperature is lower than -20°C.

Notice

When using the SD21 video camera, pay attention to the following notice information:

1. During continuous use, the body temperature of the SD21 video camera increases. This situation is normal.
2. If the SD21 video camera will not be used for a long time, remove and keep the battery properly, and recharge the battery every sixth month to ensure the battery performance.
3. During recording, enabling the digital zooming function may affect the image quality.
4. Shooting view angles are slightly different in different working modes of the video camera.
5. If a video file is large in size, a computer or a special-purpose player is preferred for smooth playback.
6. Cyclic recording and frequent recording/deleting operations may leave data fragments in the SD card, causing failure to record or save files. To solve this problem, just backup the data to an external storage and format the SD card.



Before using this product, please read and understand this manual, and keep it properly for future use.