

**SONY**

3-861-715-21 (1)

***FM/AM PLL  
Synthesized Clock  
Radio***

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Operating Instructions

**DREAM MACHINE**

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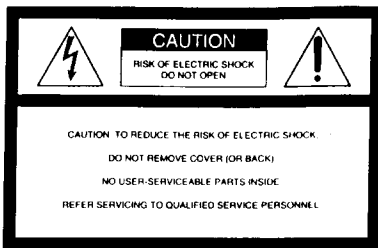
Digital **voicememo**

**ICF-C723**

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## WARNING

To prevent fire or shock hazard,  
do not expose the unit  
to rain or moisture.



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

- The graphical symbols are at the bottom of the unit.

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

## INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## Before You Begin

Thank you for choosing the Sony Dream Machine. The Dream Machine will give you many hours of reliable service and listening pleasure.

Before operating the Dream Machine, please read these instructions thoroughly and retain them for future reference.

## Features

- Digital voice memo which you can also use for the wake up memo mode.
- Date button to display the year, month and date.
- D.S.T. (Daylight Saving Time)—Summer time calculation (one-hour skip function).
- Dual alarm FM/AM PLL (phase locked loop) synthesized clock radio.
- 5 random memory presets.
- Radio and buzzer alarms with the snooze function.
- LCD with backlight which has a brightness switch.

## Precautions

- Operate the unit only on 120 V AC, 60 Hz.
- Disconnect the cord by grasping the plug. Never pull it by the cord.
- Do not leave the unit in a location near a heat source such as a radiator or airduct, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, mechanical vibration, or shock.
- Do not place the unit on surfaces (rugs, blankets, etc.) or near materials (curtains, draperies) that block the ventilation holes.
- Should any liquid or solid object fall into the unit, unplug the unit and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it further.
- When the casing becomes soiled, clean it with a soft cloth dampened with a mild detergent solution. Never use abrasive cleaners or chemical solvents, as they may mar the casing.

If you have any questions, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

## Specifications

### Radio section

#### Frequency range

FM: 87.5-108 MHz

AM: 530-1710 kHz

#### Channel steps

FM: 0.1 MHz (fixed)

AM: 10 kHz (fixed)

### DIGITAL VOICE MEMO Recording section

#### Recording media

Built-in flash memory

#### Recording time

20 seconds

#### Frequency response

400Hz - 2,700Hz

### General

#### Time display

12-hour system

#### Speaker

Approx. 5.7 cm (2 1/4 in) dia.

#### Power output

100 mW (at 10% harmonic distortion)

#### Power requirements

120 V AC, 60 Hz

#### Dimensions

Approx. 181 × 103 × 133 mm (w/h/d)

(7 1/4 × 4 1/8 × 5 1/4 in) incl. projecting parts and controls

#### Mass

Approx. 550 g (1lb 3.4 oz)

Design and specifications are subject to change without notice.

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

For your protection, please read these safety instructions completely before operating the appliance, and keep this manual for future reference. Carefully observe all warnings, precautions and instructions on the appliance and described in the operating instructions supplied with the appliance by Sony.

### INSTALLATION

#### Water and Moisture

Do not install the appliance near water: for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool.

#### Heat

Do not install the appliance near sources of heat such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances that produce heat.

#### Ventilation

Slots and openings in the cabinet and in the back or bottom are provided for necessary ventilation. To ensure reliable and safe operation of the appliance, and to protect it from overheating, these slots and openings must never be blocked or covered.

Do not place the appliance on a bed, sofa, rug or other similar surface which may block the slots and openings.

Do not install the appliance in a confined space, such as a bookcase or built-in cabinet, unless proper ventilation is provided.

#### Carts and Stands

Do not install the appliance on an unstable table, shelf, cart or stand. Use only a cart or stand recommended by Sony.

An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.

#### Wall or Ceiling Mounting

If your appliance can be mounted to a wall or ceiling, mount it only as recommended by Sony.

### USE

#### Power Source

Connect the appliance to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance.

#### Grounding or Polarization

Do not defeat the grounding or polarization feature of the AC power cord. If your AC receptacle will not accept the power cord plug, contact your electrician to install a proper AC receptacle.

#### AC Receptacle

Check to make sure that the AC receptacle holds the power cord plug firmly and securely. If the power cord plug is loose, contact your electrician to replace the defective and unsafe AC receptacle.

#### Power-Cord Protection

Route the power cord so that it is not likely to be walked on or pinched by having objects placed on it, paying particular attention to the plugs, receptacles, and the point where the cord exits from the appliance.

#### When not in use

Unplug the power cord of the appliance from the outlet when left unused for a long period of time.

To disconnect the cord, pull it out by grasping the plug. Never pull the plug out by the cord.

#### Foreign Objects

Be careful that foreign objects and liquids do not enter the enclosure through openings.

#### Cleaning

Clean the appliance only as recommended by Sony.

### ANTENNAS

#### Outdoor Antenna Grounding

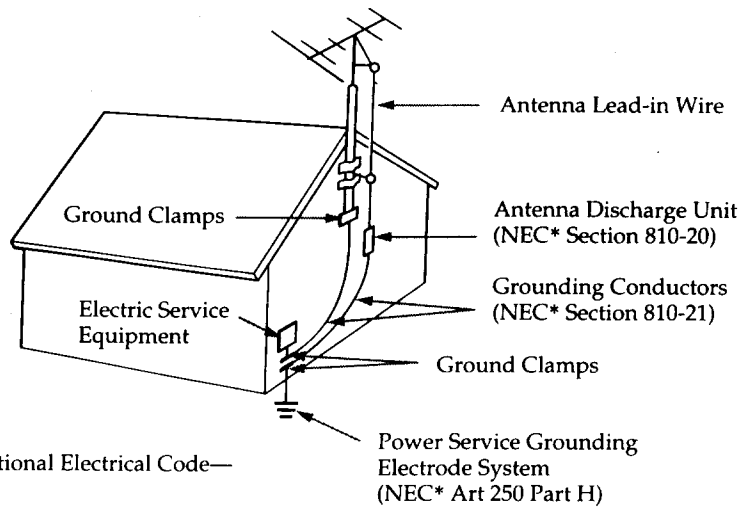
If an outdoor antenna or cable system is installed, follow the precautions below.

An outdoor antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can come in contact with such power lines or circuits.

**WHEN INSTALLING AN OUTDOOR ANTENNA SYSTEM, EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP FROM CONTACTING SUCH POWER LINES OR CIRCUITS AS CONTACT WITH THEM IS ALMOST INVARIABLY FATAL.**

Be sure the antenna system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Section 810 of the National Electrical Code provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.

## Antenna Grounding According to the National Electrical Code



—NEC National Electrical Code—

### SERVICE

Unplug the appliance from the wall outlet and consult qualified service personnel when:

- the power cord or the plug has been damaged.
- a solid object or liquid has fallen into the cabinet.
- the appliance has been exposed to rain or moisture.
- the appliance does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance.
- the appliance has been dropped, or the enclosure damaged.

Do not attempt to service the appliance beyond that described in the operating instructions. For all other servicing refer to qualified service personnel only.

**SONY**

Tape Cassette Player/Recorder/CD Player/Mini Disc  
DAT/Radio/Head Phone/Speaker/MIC/Personals

## LIMITED WARRANTY

Portable Audio

Sony Electronics Inc. ("Sony") warrants this Product (including any accessories) against defects in material or workmanship as follows:

1. For a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, Sony will repair or replace, at its option, at no charge through your Sony authorized dealer, Sony owned Service Center, or the Sony Parts Center Exchange Department, the defective unit. After this one (1) year period, you must pay for the replacement unit. This warranty does not cover costs incurred in connection with the removal and re-installation of radios, speakers or accessories, nor does it cover any other contingent expenses.

2. To obtain warranty service, you must take the Product, or deliver the Product freight prepaid, in either its original packaging or packaging affording an equal degree of protection, to any authorized Sony service facility.

This warranty does not cover customer instruction, installation, set up adjustments or signal reception problems.

This warranty does not cover cosmetic damage or damage due to acts of God, accident, misuse, abuse, negligence, commercial use, or modification of, or to any part of the Product, including the antenna. This warranty does not cover damage due to improper operation or maintenance, connection to improper voltage supply, or attempted repair by anyone other than a facility authorized by Sony to service the Product. This warranty does not cover Products sold AS IS or WITH ALL FAULTS, or consumables (such as fuses or batteries). This warranty is valid only in the United States.

Proof of purchase in the form of a bill of sale or receipted invoice which is evidence that the unit is within the Warranty period must be presented to obtain warranty service.

This warranty is invalid if the factory applied serial number has been altered or removed from the Product.

REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS WARRANTY IS THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY OF THE CONSUMER. SONY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY ON THIS PRODUCT. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ON THIS PRODUCT IS LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE DURATION OF THIS WARRANTY.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. In addition, if you enter into a service contract with the Sony Partnership within 90 days of the date of sale, the limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts does not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights which vary from state to state.

The address of the Sony Parts Center - Exchange Department is:

Sony Parts Center - Exchange Department  
8281 NW 107th Terrace  
Kansas City, Missouri 64153

For your convenience, Sony Electronics Inc. has established telephone numbers for frequently asked questions:

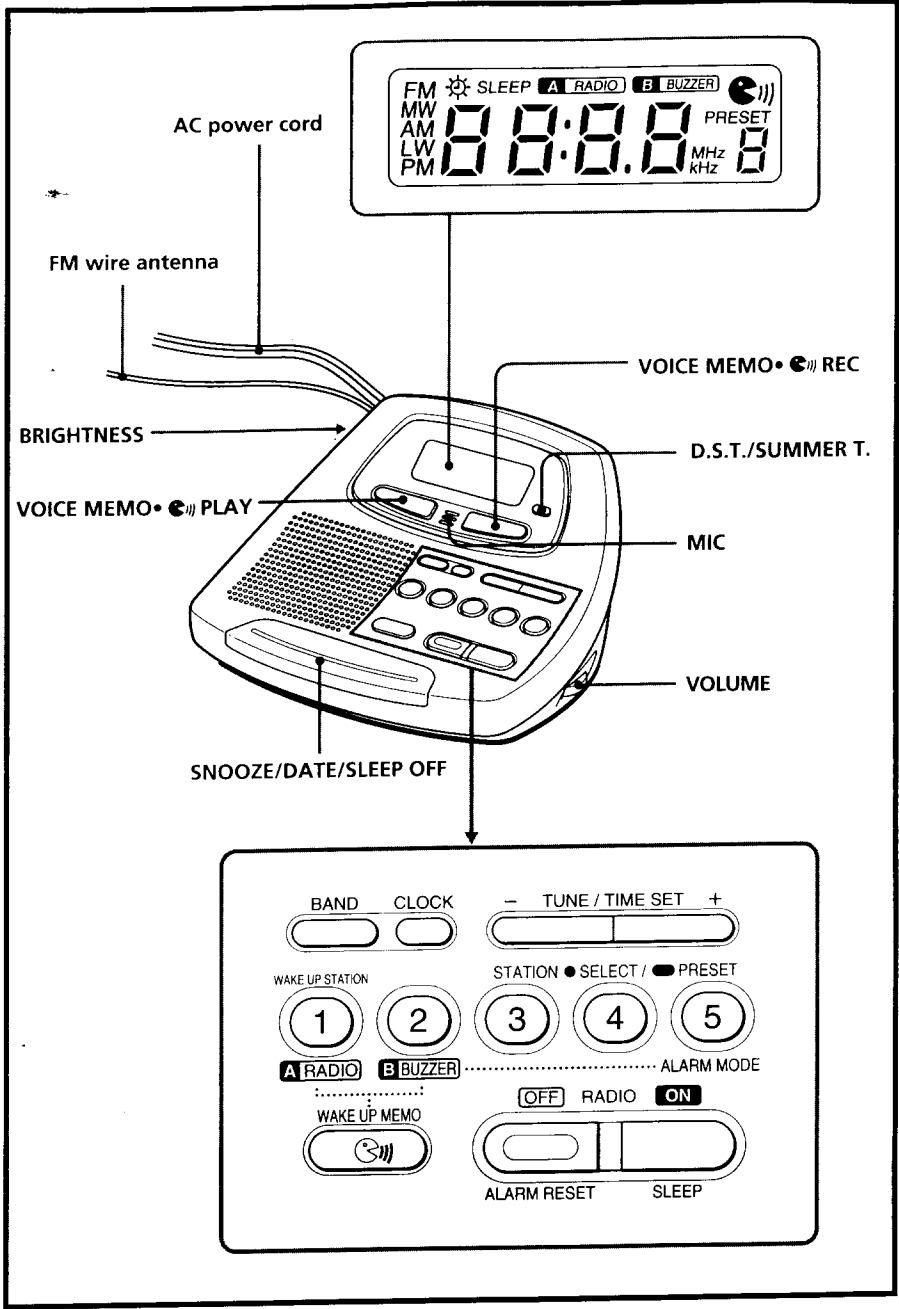
To locate the servicer or dealer nearest you, or for service assistance or resolution of a service problem, or for product information or operation, call:

**Sony Direct Response Center**  
1-(800)-222-7669  
or write to:

Sony Direct Response Center  
12451 Gateway Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

For an accessory or part not available from your authorized dealer, call:

1-(800)-488-SONY (7669)



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## Setting the Clock

- 1 Plug in the clock radio.  
"AM 12:00" will flash in the display.
- 2 Press **CLOCK** for a few seconds.  
You will hear a beep and the year will start to flash in the display.
- 3 Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **-** until the correct year appears in the display.
- 4 Press **CLOCK** once.
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 to set the month, date, hour, and minute.  
After setting the minute, press and release **CLOCK** to start the counting of the seconds.

- To display the year and date, press **SNOOZE/DATE/SLEEP OFF** once for the date and within 2 seconds press it again for the year. The date or year will appear in the display for a few seconds and then the display returns to the current time.  
When **SNOOZE/DATE/SLEEP OFF** is pressed while the **SNOOZE** function is operating, the year and date will not appear in the display.
- To set the current time rapidly, hold down the **+ or -** button.
- To set the current time from zero seconds, release **CLOCK** with the time signal at step 5.

### To change the display to the daylight saving time (summer time) indication

Press **D.S.T./SUMMER T.**  
"☀" is displayed and the time indication changes to summer time.  
To cancel the summer time indication, press **D.S.T./SUMMER T.** again.

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## Playing the Radio

### Manual Tuning

- 1 Press **RADIO ON** to turn on the radio.  
The band and frequency will appear in the display for a few seconds and then the current time indication returns to the display.
- 2 Press **BAND** repeatedly to select the desired band.
- 3 Use **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **-** to tune in the desired station.  
The FM frequency advances or reverses in 0.1 MHz channel steps and the AM frequency in 10 kHz channel steps.  
A beep sounds when the upper or lower extremity of the band range is reached.
- 4 Adjust volume using **VOLUME**.

- To turn off the radio, press **RADIO OFF**.
- To improve reception  
**FM:** Extend the FM wire antenna fully to increase FM reception sensitivity.  
**AM:** Rotate the unit horizontally for optimum reception. A ferrite bar antenna is built in to the unit.
- To check the current station, press the **+ or -** button lightly. The band and frequency are displayed for a few seconds, after which the current time indication returns to the display.
- If the radio alarm **A RADIO** comes on while the radio is playing, the station switches to the frequency set under preset number 1.

### To set the brightness of the backlight

Set **BRIGHTNESS** to H (high) or L (low) to make the display more visible.

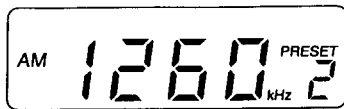
## Preset Tuning

You can preset up to five stations for one-touch tuning, one under each of preset buttons 1 to 5.

### Presetting a station

Example: To set AM 1260 kHz in preset button 2.

- 1 Press **RADIO ON** to turn on the radio.
- 2 Tune in the station you want to preset. (See "Manual Tuning")
- 3 Hold down the desired **STATION•SELECT/PRESET** button (in this case, 2) until you hear two short beeps.



The frequency will appear for a few seconds and then the display will return to the current time.

- When using the radio alarm, preset the station you wish to serve as the alarm under preset button 1.



manually to a different station. The previous station is replaced by the new one.

### Tuning in a preset station

- 1 Press **RADIO ON** to turn on the radio.
- 2 Press the **STATION•SELECT/PRESET** button under which the desired station is stored.
- 3 Adjust volume using **VOLUME**.  
After a few seconds, the display will return to the current time but the preset number indication will remain.

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## Using the Digital Voice Memo

- 1 Press **VOICE MEMO•REC** until you hear a beep.
- 2 Speak into the **MIC** while "●" flashes (within 20 seconds).  
The recording time displays and starts to elapse.
- 3 Press **VOICE MEMO•REC** again to stop the recording.  
"End" will appear in the display with a long beep sound.
- 4 Press **VOICE MEMO•PLAY** to play back and to confirm the recorded memo.

### Notes

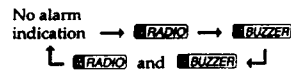
- Only one message can be recorded and up to about 20 seconds.
- If you want to keep the recorded message, be careful not press the **VOICE MEMO•REC** button. Since the recording overlaps the last recorded message.
- The volume cannot be adjusted for the voice memo.

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## Setting the Alarm

You can set the radio and buzzer alarms at the preset time. Before setting the alarm, be sure to set the clock (See "Setting the Clock") and preset a radio station under preset button 1 (See "Preset Tuning").

- 1 Turn off the radio.
- 2 Hold down **A RADIO** or **B BUZZER** until a short beep sounds.  
The "A RADIO" or "B BUZZER" indication and the hour will flash in the display.
- 3 Press either **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **-** until the desired hour appears in the display.
- 4 Press **A RADIO** or **B BUZZER** to set the minute.  
The minute will flash in the display.
- 5 Press either **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **-** until the desired minute appears in the display.
- 6 Press **A RADIO** or **B BUZZER**.  
Two short beeps sound to indicate successful presetting.
- 7 Press **ALARM MODE** repeatedly until the alarm you want appears in the display.  
Each time you press **ALARM MODE**, the alarm indication changes as follows.



When the alarm time is reached, the radio or buzzer sounds for 60 minutes or until turned off.

### To stop the alarm

Press **ALARM RESET** while the alarm is activated.  
The alarm will function at the same time the next day.

### To cancel the alarm

Press **ALARM MODE** until neither the "A RADIO" nor "B BUZZER" indication is

## To doze for a few more minutes

- 1 Press **SNOOZE/DATE/SLEEP OFF**.  
The radio or buzzer will shut off but will automatically come on again after about 8 minutes. You can repeat this process as many times as you like.

- The alarm indicator flashes continuously during the snooze function.

## To set the Wake Up Memo

- 1 Set the alarm mode. (See "Setting the Alarm".)
- 2 Set the voice memo. (See "Using the Digital Voice Memo".)
- 3 Press **WAKE UP MEMO**.  
"☺" will be displayed.  
When the alarm time is reached, the voice memo plays back and then the radio or buzzer will go on for 60 minutes or until turned off. When you press **ALARM RESET** to turn off the alarm, the voice memo plays back and then the alarm mode turns off. When **SNOOZE/DATE/SLEEP OFF** is pressed during the radio or buzzer alarm with the wake up memo, the radio or buzzer will shut off and the voice memo will play back each time.

### Note

The Wake Up Memo operates only with the alarm function.

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## Setting the Sleep Timer

You can enjoy falling asleep to the radio using the built-in sleep timer that turns off the radio automatically after a preset duration.

- 1 Press **SLEEP**.  
The radio turns on. It will go off after the preset time has passed. You can set the sleep timer to 90, 60, 30, or 15 minutes. Every push changes the display as follows.

OFF (current time) → On → 90(min)  
↑ 15 ← 30 ← 60 ↓

The radio will play for the time you set, then shut off.

- To turn off the radio before the preset time, press **SNOOZE/DATE/SLEEP OFF**.

## To Use Both Sleep Timer and Alarm

You can fall asleep to the radio sound and you will be awakened by the radio or buzzer alarm at the preset time.

- 1 Set the alarm. (See "Setting the Alarm".)
- 2 Set the sleep timer. (See "Setting the Sleep Timer".)

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## Troubleshooting

Should any problem occur with the unit, make the following simple checks to determine whether or not servicing is required. If the problem persists, consult the nearest Sony dealer.

### **The clock does not show the correct time.**

- Has an electrical power outage lasting more than half an hour occurred?

### **The radio or buzzer alarm does not sound at the preset alarm time.**

- Has the desired radio and/or buzzer alarm mode been activated with the **ALARM MODE** button ("A RADIO" and/or "B BUZZER" indication shown in the display)?

### **The Wake Up Memo does not sound at the preset alarm time.**

- Press **VOICE MEMO•PLAY** to confirm if a voice memo is recorded.
- Has the Wake Up Memo mode been activated ("☺") indication shown in the display)?
- Has the desired radio and/or buzzer alarm mode been activated with the **ALARM MODE** button ("A RADIO" and/or "B BUZZER" indication shown in the display)?