PMW-400 Solid-State Memory Camcorder

SONY

The PMW-400K (2/3-inch HD lens package) and the PMW-400L have now joined the XDCAM[™] HD422 family, equipped with three 2/3-inch-type Full-HD Exmor[™] CMOS sensors that provide high picture quality and an extremely high S/N ratio. These camcorders support MPEG HD422[™], MPEG HD[™], MPEG IMX[™], DVCAM[™], and also XAVC^{™*1} in the HD domain for future expansion of the broadcasting workflow. Two SxS[™] card slots provide a wide range of AV and IT interfaces including two HD/SD-SDI, HDMI, i.LINK[™], and composite outputs. The PMW-400 Series also supports wireless operation using an optional adapter, the CBK-WA101. This enables easy and quick clip data transmission to broadcast stations using cloud services, saving the time and transportation cost of shot clip delivery.

*1 Requires firmware upgrade, planned in 2014. 4K not supported.

Features

High Picture Quality

The PMW-400 Series incorporate three 2/3-inch-type Full-HD Exmor CMOS sensors (1920 x 1080) to achieve high resolution, high sensitivity (F12 at 60 Hz / F13 at 50 Hz), low noise (60 dB), and a wide dynamic range to give more freedom of expression for creative shooting.

Three-dimensional Noise Reducer

In addition to existing noise reduction features, the PMW-400 Series also includes a three-dimensional noise reducer. This not only detects vertical and horizontal direction in a frame picture but also noise components in a time axis, utilizing correlation characteristics between video frames. Using this feature, the S/N ratio is improved to 60 dB which is the highest level of noise reduction in a 2/3-inch-type Full-HD shoulder camcorder.

Selectable Format and Bit Rates

The PMW-400 Series provide a wide variety of codec operation points. Users can record Full-HD video (1920 x 1080) at up to 50 Mbps using MPEG HD422 as well as MPEG HD at 35 Mbps*² / 25 Mbps, MPEG IMX at 50 Mbps, and DVCAM at 25 Mbps in an MXF file, as standard supported formats. These camcorders also incorporate XAVC*³ in the HD domain at a 100-Mbps data rate, enabling the creation of rich content with 10-bit quality.

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3.5-inch Color LCD Viewfinder

With a large, easy-to-read 3.5-inch QHD color LCD viewfinder as a standard accessory, the PMW-400 Series offer outstanding resolution of 960×540 pixels, strongly supporting critical focus control during HD shooting. The viewfinder cover can be flipped up to enhance visibility when the camera is set on a tripod.



The PMW-400 Series are designed to support wireless operation using an optional wireless adapter, the CBK-WA101*⁴. Using this adapter, the user can stream out pictures to a mobile tablet, enabling crews to check shooting images live in the field. After shooting, proxy files created on the CBK-WA101 can be immediately transmitted to the broadcasting station. The adapter also provides remote control of the PMW-400 with mobile application software.

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Enhanced Flash Band Reducer

Incorporating a newly developed algorithm, the PMW-400 Series detects and processes flash banding inside its hardware before recording begins*⁵. This provides greater flexibility in reducing flash banding across different shooting environments. This feature can be disabled from the menu if the users wants to use Content Browser for flash band reduction after shooting. The user is free to choose when to reduce the flash band, either before or after shooting according to varying circumstances.

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Variety of Interfaces

The PMW-400 Series offers two lines of SDI output connection enabling, for example, the director and camera operator to concurrently check shot content via two separate monitors. Also, for monitoring purposes these camcorders can be connected via HDMI to professional displays as well as domestic-use TVs with an HDMI connector. The i.LINK connector can be used for HDV when SP 1440 (FAT) mode is selected, and for DV when DVCAM (FAT) mode is selected, for both input and output signal flows.

Specifications PMW-400K

	PMW-400K PMW-400L	
General		
Mass	Approx. 3.4 kg (body only without lens, VF, Mic)	
Dimensions *1	124 x 269 x 332 mm (5 x 10 5/8 x 13 1/8 inches) (excluding protrusions, body only)	
Power Requirements	DC 12 V	
Power Consumption	Approx. 26 W (with viewfinder, lens and microphone while recording)	
Operating Temperature	0° C to 40° C (32° F to 104° F)	
Storage Temperature Continuous Operating Time	-20° C to +60° C (-4° F to +140° F) Approx. 180 min with BP-L80S	
Recording Format (Video)	XAVC (future upgrade)	
Recording Formal (video)	MPEG-2 Long GOP:	
	- HD 422 mode: CBR, 50 Mbps max., MPEG-2 422P@HL	
	- HQ mode: VBR, 35 Mbps max., MPEG-2 MP@HL	
	- SP mode: CBR, 25 Mbps, MPEG-2 MP@H-14	
	- SD mode : MPEG IMX, DVCAM	
Recording Format (Audio)	<udf></udf>	
	- HD 422 50 mode: LPCM 24 bits, 48 kHz, 4 channels	
	- HD 420 HQ mode: LPCM 16 bits, 48 kHz, 4 channels	
	- SD MPEG IMX mode: LPCM 16/24 bits, 48 kHz, 4 channels	
	- SD DVCAM mode: LPCM 16 bits, 48 kHz, 4 channels	
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	- HD mode: LPCM 16 bits, 48 kHz, 4 channels	
	- SD DVCAM mode: LPCM 16 bits, 48 kHz, 2 channels	
Recording/Playback Time	<udf mode=""></udf>	
(MPEG HD)	HD 422 50/ SD MPEG IMX Mode: *2	
	- Approx. 120 min with SBS-64G1A (64 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 60 min with SBP-32/SBS-32G1A (32 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 30 min with SBP-16 (16 GB) memory card	
	HD 420 HQ Mode:	
	- Approx. 180 min with SBS-64G1A (64 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 90 min with SBP-32/SBS-32G1A (32 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 45 min with SBP-16 (16 GB) memory card	
	SD DVCAM Mode: (option)	
	- Approx. 220 min with SBS-64G1A (64 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 110 min with SBP-32/SBS-32G1A (32 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 55 min with SBP-16 (16 GB) memory card <fat mode=""> *2</fat>	
	- HD HQ Mode:	
	- Approx. 200 min with SBS-64G1A (64 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 100 min with SBP-32/SBS-32G1A (32 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 50 min with SBP-16 (16 GB) memory card	
	HD SP Mode:	
	- Approx. 280 min with SBS-64G1A (64 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 140 min with SBP-32/SBS-32G1A (32 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 70 min with SBP-16 (16 GB) memory card	
	SD DVCAM Mode: (option)	
	- Approx. 260 min with SBS-64G1A (64 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 130 min with SBP-32/SBS-32G1A (32 GB) memory card	
	- Approx. 65 min with SBP-16 (16 GB) memory card	
Recording Frame Rate	<udf></udf>	
	HD 422 50 Mode: MPEG-2 422P@HL, 50 MBps/ CBR	
	- 1920 x 1080/59.94i, 50i, 29.97p, 25p, 23.98p	
	- 1280 x 720/59.94p, 50p, 29.97p, 25p, 23.98p	
	HD 420 HQ Mode: MPEG-2 MP@HL, 35 MBps/ VBR	
	- 1920 x 1080/59.94i, 50i, 29.97p, 25p, 23.98p, (Version Up)	
	- 1440 x 1080/59.94i, 50i, 29.97p, 25p, 23.98p,	
	- 1280 x 720/59.94p, 50p, 23.98p (2-3 pull down)	
	SD MPEG IMX Mode	
	- 720 x 486/ 59.94i, 29.97PsF	
	- 720 x 576/50i, 25PsF	
	SD DVCAM Mode	
	- 720 x 486/59.94i, 29.97PsF	
	- 720 x 576/50i, 25PsF <fat></fat>	
	<fai> HD HQ 1920 Mode: MPEG-2 MP@HL, 35 Mbps/ VBR</fai>	
	- 1920 x 1080/59.94i, 50i, 29.97p, 25p, 23.98p	
	HD HQ 1440 Mode: MPEG-2 MP@HL, 35 Mbps/ VBR	
	- 1440 x 1080/59.94i, 50i, 29.97p, 25p, 23.98p	
	HD HQ 1280 Mode: MPEG-2 MP@HL, 35 Mbps/ VBR	
	- 1280 x 720/59.94p, 50p, 29.97p, 25p, 23.98p	
	HD SP 1440 Mode: MPEG-2 MP@H-14, 25 Mbps/ CBR	
	- 1440 x 1080/59.94i, 50i, 23.98p (2-3 pull down)	
	SD DVCAM Mode	
	- 720 x 486/59.94i, 29.97PsF	
	- 720 x 576/50i, 25PsF	

	PMW-400K	PMW-400L	
Lens			
Lens Mount	Sony 2/3-inch type bayonet mount		
Zoom Ratio	16x (optical),		
	servo/manual (AF lens for PMW-400K)		
Focal Length	f = 8 mm to 128 mm (equivalent to 31.5 mm		
	to 503 mm on 35 mm lens)		
Iris	F1.9 to F16 and Close, Auto/Manual		
	selectable		
Focus	AF/MF/Full MF selectable		
Focus	800 mm to ∞ (MACRO OFF)		
Focus	50 mm to ∞ (MACRO ON, Wide)		
Focus	732 mm to ∞ (MACRO ON, Tele)		
Filter Diameter	M82 mm, pitch 0.75 mm (on lens)		
Input/Output			
Genlock Input	BNC (x1)		
Timecode Input	BNC (x1)		
Audio Input	XLR-type 3-pin (female) (x2), Line/Mic/Mic +48 V selectable		
Mic Input	XLR-type 5-pin		
SDI Output	BNC (x2), HD-SDI/SD-SDI selectable		
Video Output	BNC (x1) HD-Y or Analog composite		
Audio Output	XLR-type 5-pin		
Timecode Output	BNC (x1)		
Earphone Output	Stereo mini jack (x1)		
	Monaural		
Speaker Output DC Input			
	XLR-type 4-pin		
DC Output	4-pin		
Lens	12-pin		
Remote	8-pin		
Light	2-pin		
i.LINK	IEEE 1394, 6-pin (x1), HDV (HDV 1080i)/DVCAM stream input/output *3 , S400		
USB	USB device B Type (x1), host A Type (x1)		
HDMI	A type (x1)		
Camera Section			
Imager	3-chip 2/3-type "Exmor" Full HD CMOS		
Effective Picture Elements	1920 (H) x 1080 (V)		
Optical System	F1.4 prism system		
Built-in Optical Filters	1: Clear, 2: 1/4ND, 3: 1/16ND, 4: 1/64ND		
Shutter Speed (Time)	1/60 sec to 1/2,000 sec + ECS (Extended Clear Scan)		
Shutter Speed (Slow Shutter	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 32, 64-frame accumulation		
(SLS))			
Slow & Quick Motion	720p: Frame rate selectable from 1 fps to 60 fps		
Function	1080p: Frame rate selectable from 1 fps to 30 fps		
Sensitivity (2000 lx, 89.9%	F12 (typical) (1920 x 1080/59.94i mode)	195	
reflectance)	F13 (typical) (1920 x 1080/50i mode)		
Minimum Illumination	0.006 lx (typical) (1920 x 1080/59.94i mode,	0.003 lx (typical) (1920 x 1080/59.94i mode	
	F1.9, +42 dB gain, with 64-frame accumulation)	F1.4, +42 dB gain, with 64-frame accumulati	
White Balance			
Gain Selection	Preset (3200K), Memory A, Memory B/ATW		
S/N Ratio	-3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42 dB		
	60 dB (Y) (typical) 1,000 TV lines or more (1920 x 1080i mode)		
Horizontal Resolution	1,000 IV lines or more (1920 X 10801 mode)		
Viewfinder		10.40. Outstan UD 01-1	
Viewfinder	3.5-inch *4 type color LCD monitor: 960 (H) x 5	40 (V), Quarter HD Size	
Other Equipment			
Built-in LCD Monitor	Black & White LCD (Audio level, TC, battery and media remaining capacity)		
Built-in Speaker	1		
Supplied Accessories			
	Viewfinder (1)	Viewfinder (1)	
	Shoulder strap (1)	Shoulder strap (1)	
	Stereo microphone (1)	Stereo microphone (1)	
	Wind-screen (1)	Wind-screen (1)	
	Cold shoe kit (1)	Cold shoe kit (1)	
	Lens mount cap (1)	Lens mount cap (1)	
	Flange back adjustment chart (1)	Flange back adjustment chart (1)	
	Auto focus lens (1)	Before Using this Unit (1)	
	Before Using this Unit (1)	CD-ROM:	
	Betore Using this Unit (1) CD-ROM: Operating Instructions	Operating instructions	

*1: The values for dimensions are approximate.
*2: Recording/ Playback time may vary the according to the encoding or memory.
*3: HDV/ DV stream input/ output are available only in FAT mode. Depending on the connected products, it may not be

recorded correctly. *4: Viewable area measured diagonally.

Optional Accessories





MEAD-MS01/SD02 QDA-EX1 Media Adapters for MS/SD Card and XQD







Digital Extender Option



CA-FB70/TX70 System Camera Configuration Units

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