

Multi-Card Reader/Writer

Operating Instructions

Before operating the unit, please read this document thoroughly, and retain it for future reference.



MRW-EA7

Safety regulations

WARNING

Keep the unit away from children. If any part of the unit is swallowed, promptly see a doctor.

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.

To avoid electrical shock, do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

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Before you use the reader/writer for the first time, you are encouraged to install the Drive Letter Recognition Software on your computer.

Before connecting the reader/writer, see page 13 for details about the Drive Letter Recognition Software installation procedure. Also see the end user license agreement on page 19.

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Overview

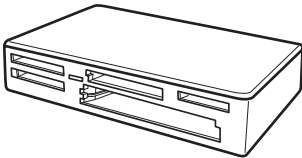
The MRW-EA7 (hereafter referred to as the “reader/writer”) has the following features:

- Quick and simple data transfer – easily transfer images from camera and mobile phone to PC
- Compatible with “Memory Stick”, “Memory Stick Duo”, “Memory Stick Micro” (“M2”), CompactFlash, Microdrive, xD-Picture Card, MultiMediaCard, SD Memory Card, microSD Card
- Drive Letter Recognition Software can be download from the web site
- Quick to Connect – Hot-pluggable USB-powered design

Package Contents

When you unpack the box, make sure that it contains all the accessories listed below. If anything is missing or damaged, contact your retailer.

- MRW-EA7 Multi-Card Reader/Writer



- USB cable
- Read Me First

System Requirements

The reader/writer requires computers with the following preinstalled operating systems.

- OS
 - Windows® 7
 - Windows Vista®
 - Windows® XP (Service Pack 2 or later)
 - Windows® 2000 Professional (Service Pack 4 or later)
 - Mac OS X 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6

This product works with the standard drivers in Windows.

Supported Media

The reader/writer supports the following media:

“Memory Stick” media

- “Memory Stick” (without MagicGate) *1
 - “MagicGate Memory Stick” *1*2
 - “Memory Stick” (with MagicGate) *1*2*3
 - “Memory Stick Duo” (without MagicGate) *1
 - “MagicGate Memory Stick Duo” *1*2
 - “Memory Stick Duo” (with MagicGate) *1*2*3
 - “Memory Stick PRO” *2*3
 - “Memory Stick PRO Duo” *2*3
 - “Memory Stick PRO-HG Duo” *2*3
 - “Memory Stick Micro” (“M2”) *2*3*4
- *1 “MagicGate” is the general name of a copyright protection technology developed by Sony.
- *2 Recording or playback of MagicGate data that uses MagicGate technology is not supported.
- *3 4-bit parallel data transfer is supported and the data read/write timing will vary depending on the medium.
- *4 “M2” is an abbreviation of “Memory Stick Micro.” In this document, hereinafter, the abbreviation “M2,” is used.

SD memory cards

- SD Memory Card *5
 - SDHC™ Memory Card *5
 - miniSD™ card *5*6
 - miniSDHC™ card *5*6
 - microSD™ card *5
 - microSDHC™ card *5
- *5 Recording or playback of data that uses copyright protection technology is not supported.
- *6 With adaptor (not supplied) only.

Other memory cards

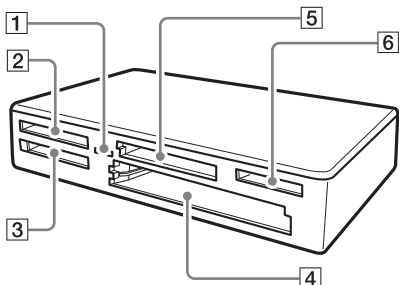
- MultiMediaCard *7
 - RS-MMC *7
 - CompactFlash®
 - Microdrive® *8
 - xD-Picture Card™
- *7 MMCplus and MMCmobile are supported, but parallel data transfer is not supported.
- *8 The Microdrive requires more power than other memory cards. When using a Microdrive, remove other memory cards; otherwise an error may occur due to a shortage of power.

Notes

- Not all memory cards are guaranteed to work. Operation is not assured if non-supported memory cards are used.
- The capacity of a file to be recorded/played back is smaller than 4 GB per file according to the specifications of the file system incorporated in “Memory Stick.”
- Although operation check of this product has been performed with up to 8 GB “Memory Stick,” please note that the operation is not guaranteed for every type of “Memory Stick.”
- In this manual, all types of media listed in “Supported Media” are generically called memory cards.
- I/O cards that are not memory cards, such as GPS cards, are not supported.
- MultiMediaCards and SD Memory Cards use the same slot, so you cannot use them at the same time.
- The “Memory Stick” media all use the same slot, so you cannot use them at the same time.
- The “Memory Stick Micro” (“M2”), microSD Card, and microSDHC Card all use the same slot, so you cannot use them at the same time.
- Only DOS format is supported. Memory cards in other formats are not supported.

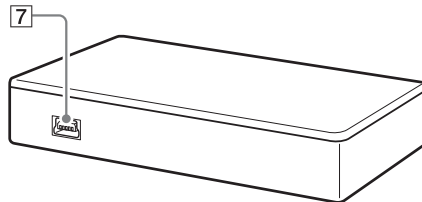
Parts and Functions

Front



- 1 Access Indicator**
This indicator is always lit. The indicator blinks when the reader/writer accesses data on a memory card.
- 2 xD-Picture Card Slot**
Insert xD-Picture Card here.
- 3 “Memory Stick” Slot**
Insert a “Memory Stick” media here.
- 4 CompactFlash/Microdrive Slot**
Insert either a CompactFlash or Microdrive memory card here.
Remove all other memory cards before using a Microdrive, because of its large power consumption.
- 5 MultiMediaCard/SD Memory Card Slot**
Insert either a MultiMediaCard or an SD Memory Card here.
When inserting a miniSD Card, use an adaptor (not supplied).
- 6 “Memory Stick Micro” (“M2”)/ MicroSD and microSDHC Card Slot**
Insert either a Memory Stick Micro (“M2”) or microSD Card, and microSDHC card here.

Rear

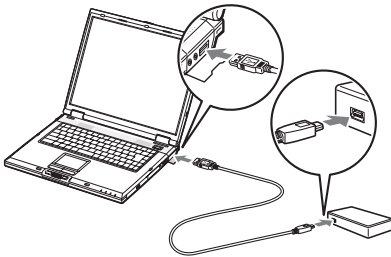


- 7 USB Port (mini B)**
Connect to a computer using the supplied USB cable.

Connecting the Reader/Writer to a Computer

Simply connect the reader/writer to a computer using the supplied USB cable.

- 1 Start the computer.**
- 2 Connect the smaller connector of the USB cable to the USB port on the rear of the reader/writer.**
- 3 Connect the larger connector of the USB cable to the USB port on the computer.**



The computer recognizes the reader/writer as a removable disk, and the reader/writer is ready for use.

Notes

- Do not connect to the USB port on the computer via an external USB hub.
- Depending on the computer and the status of its operating system, the reader/writer may not operate or may become unstable. If this occurs, refer to the “Troubleshooting” section. (Page 17)
- After disconnecting the USB cable, wait at least 5 seconds before reconnecting it. (Otherwise, the reader/writer may not be recognized.)
- When two or more USB devices are connected to one computer, the reader/writer is not guaranteed to operate simultaneously with some types of USB device.
- You cannot access two or more memory cards simultaneously on a single computer by connecting additional memory card devices. Remove any memory cards from the reader/writer or turn off the other devices.

Notes for Windows

- On some computers, a message may appear asking you to insert the operating system disc. When this happens, follow the computer’s instructions.
- On some computers, the USB Mass Storage will function at reduced speed message may appear, indicating that a hi-speed USB device has been connected to a USB port which does not support hi-speed USB. If your computer has multiple USB ports, try connecting to a different port. Otherwise, close the message and continue using the reader/writer with the current port.



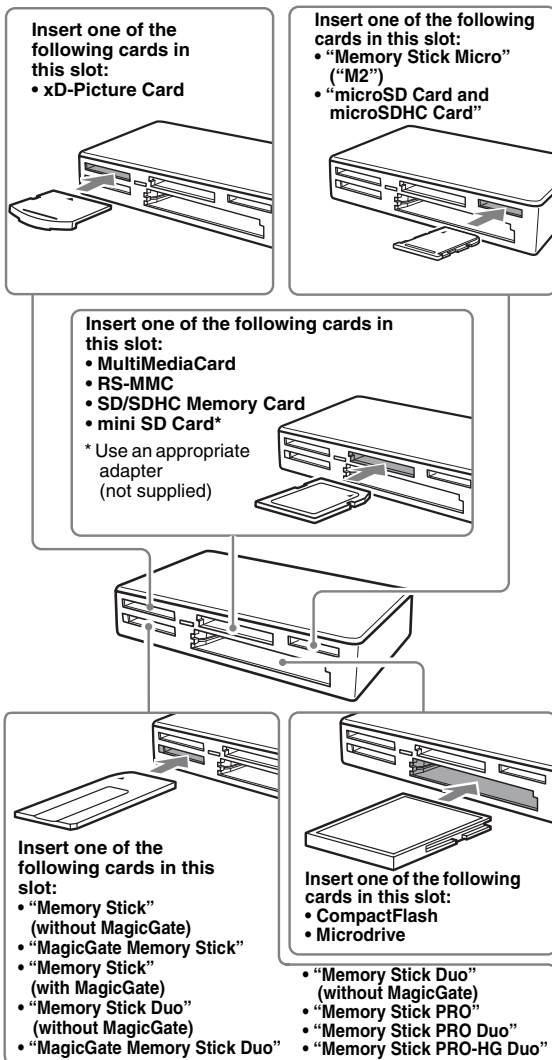
Using the Reader/Writer

Inserting a Memory Card

Insert a memory card into the corresponding slot on the reader/writer.
When inserting a card, push it in as far as it can go.

Notes

- Each card slot is designed so a card can only be inserted in the correct direction.
- Insert only one memory card into the corresponding slot. Do not insert multiple cards at the same time.
- When inserting a mini SD Card, use an appropriate adaptor (not supplied).
- Do not insert a card upside down.
- Forcibly inserting the card may damage the card or the slot.
- If a memory card is inserted incorrectly, you may not be able to remove it. In the unlikely event that a memory card becomes stuck in the reader/writer, consult your local Sony dealer.



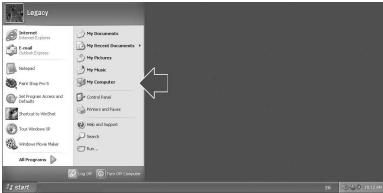
Reading and Writing Data on a Memory Card

■ For Windows other than Windows 7

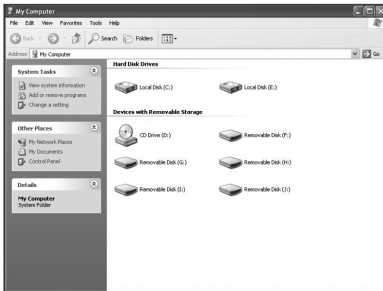
The following explanation is illustrated with screens from Windows XP.

The screens may differ for other versions of Windows.

1 Open [My Computer].



2 Make sure the removable disk icons appear in [My Computer].



Drive letters for the removable disk icons are assigned in alphabetical order to the CompactFlash/Microdrive Slot, xD-Picture Card Slot, MultiMediaCard / SD Memory Card Slot, "Memory Stick" Slot and "Memory Stick Micro" ("M2") media / microSD Card Slot.

For example, if the computer has an A:, C:, and D: drive before connecting the reader/writer, the drive letters will be assigned as follows when the reader/writer is connected:

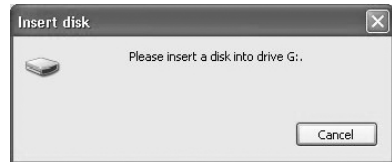
Computer drive name	Corresponding memory card
Removable Disk (E:)	CompactFlash Microdrive
Removable Disk (F:)	xD-Picture Card
Removable Disk (G:)	MultiMediaCard SD Memory Card
Removable Disk (H:)	"Memory Stick" media
Removable Disk (I:)	"Memory Stick Micro" ("M2") media microSD Card

3 Insert a memory card into the corresponding slot.

When a volume label has been assigned to the memory card, the volume label will be displayed together with the removable disk icon.

4 Use the removable disk icon to read or write data on the memory card.

If the following message appears, the memory card has not been recognized correctly, even though the access indicator lights up. Remove the card and insert it again.



Notes

- Use the removable disk icon for the memory card you are using.
- It may take a while for the removable disk icons to appear.
- If the removable disk icons do not appear, follow the steps under “Disconnecting the Reader/Writer From the Computer” in the Operating Instructions (this manual) to disconnect the reader/writer, and then wait at least 5 seconds before reconnecting it. If the [Safely Remove Hardware] icon mentioned in step 1 of “Disconnecting the Reader/Writer From the Computer” is not displayed, skip the rest of the procedure and immediately disconnect the reader/writer.
- Depending on your operating system and the type of memory card you are using, the reader/writer drives may be recognized as “Local Disks” instead of “Removable Disks,” but this will not affect their operation.

■ For Windows 7 and Macintosh

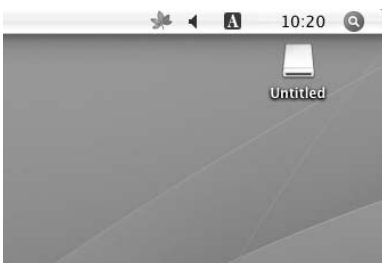
1 Insert a memory card into the corresponding slot.

The removable disk icon appears on the desktop.

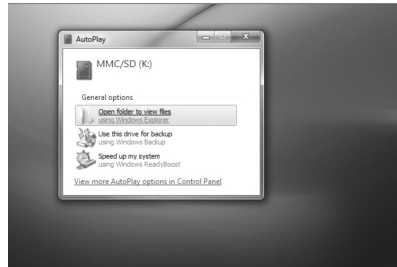
When a volume label is assigned to the memory card, the volume label will be displayed together with the removable disk icon.

2 Use the removable disk icon to read or write data on the memory card.

■ For Macintosh



■ For Windows 7



Removing a Memory Card

Note

- Do not remove a memory card while the access indicator is blinking. Doing so may cause damage to the data stored on the memory card.
- Be sure to follow the steps described below. Sony accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss that results from removing a memory card without following the procedure described below.

■ For Windows other than Windows 7

- 1 Make sure the access indicator is not blinking.
- 2 Open [My Computer].
- 3 Right-click the removable disk icon, and select [Eject].
- 4 Pull the memory card straight out.

■ For Windows 7

- 1 Click the Start Button.
- 2 Click [Devices and Printers].
- 3 Right click [USB2.0 Card R/W] drive icon.
- 4 Go to [Eject] with selection option.
- 5 Pull the memory card straight out.

■ For Macintosh

- 1 Close the files saved on the memory card, and exit any currently running applications.**
- 2 Make sure the access indicator is not blinking.**
- 3 Drag the removable disk icon to the [Trash].**

Alternatively, select the removable disk icon, access the [File] menu on the menu bar, and select [Eject “Untitled”]*.

* Depending on the memory card, a different label than “Untitled” may be shown.
- 4 Pull the memory card straight out.**

Reading the Access Indicator

The access indicator changes according to the status of the reader/writer, as follows:

Reader/writer status	Access indicator
Connected to a computer	Lights up
Reading/writing data	Blinks

Note

If data cannot be read from or written to the memory card while the access indicator is lit, make sure the card is fully inserted into the slot.

Disconnecting the Reader/Writer From the Computer

Notes

- Do not disconnect the reader/writer from the computer while the access indicator is blinking. Doing so may cause damage to the data stored on the memory card.
- Be sure to follow the steps described below. Sony accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss that results from disconnecting the reader/writer without following the procedure described below.

■ For Windows other than Windows 7

The following explanation is illustrated with screens from Windows XP, and assumes that drive names E:, F:, G:, H: and I: are assigned to the four slots of the reader/writer. The screens may differ for other versions of Windows.

- 1 Click [Safely Remove Hardware] on the task tray, located at the lower right corner of the screen.



- 2 Click [Safely remove USB Mass Storage Device - Drives (E:, F:, G:, H:, I:)].



- 3 Make sure the message "The 'USB Mass Storage Device' device can now be safely removed from the system." appears, and then disconnect the reader/writer.



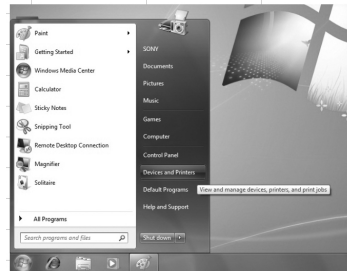
The 'USB Mass Storage Device' device can now be safely removed from the system.

Note

The above steps are not required when removing a memory card from the reader/writer.

■ For Windows 7

- 1 Click the Start Button.
- 2 Click Devices and Printers.



- 3 Right click [USB2.0 Card R/W] drive icon.

- 4 One by one ejects all removable disks or select eject when all medias are inserted to drive.



5 Pull the USB Cable out from computer.

■ **For Macintosh**

1 Close the files saved on the memory card, and exit any currently running applications.

2 Make sure the access indicator is not blinking.

3 Drag the removable disk icon to the [Trash].

Alternatively, select the removable disk icon, access the [File] menu on the menu bar, and select [Eject “Untitled”]*.

* Depending on the memory card, a different label than “Untitled” may be shown.

If no memory card is inserted into the reader/writer, skip this step.

4 Disconnect the reader/writer from the computer.

Installing the Drive Letter Recognition Software (Windows Only)

Before starting installation, read the “End User License Agreement.” (Page 19)

1 Download the installer file from the web site. The installer file can be downloaded from the following URL
<http://support.sony-europe.com>

2 Close all programs that are still running.

3 Double click the installer file. (For windows Vista and windows 7, User Account Control window will appear, click on [Allow].)






4 When the following window appears, the installing is completed, and click [OK].



Notes on Icons

Once the Drive Letter Recognition Software is installed, the Removable Disk icons and their descriptions change.

For example, if the computer has an A:, C:, and D: drive before connecting the reader/writer, the drive letters will be assigned as follows when the reader/writer is connected:

Computer drive name	Corresponding memory card
 CF/Microdrive (E:)	CompactFlash MicroDrive
 xD (F:)	xD-Picture Card
 MMC/SD (G:)	MultiMediaCard SD Memory Card
 Memory Stick (H:)	“Memory Stick” media
 M2/microSD (I:)	“Memory Stick Micro” (“M2”) media microSD Card

Notes

- The use of this software is intended only for this reader/writer. Other reader/writers may not work with this software.
- Uninstall any similar software before installation to ensure that the software functions properly.

About “Memory Stick” media

What is “Memory Stick”?

“Memory Stick” is a compact-size IC recording media with a high capacity. It has been designed not only exchanging/sharing digital data among “Memory Stick” compliant products, but also for serving as a removable external storage media that can save data.

Notes on “Memory Stick”

On formatting (initialization)

- If you format media in which data has been already written, all the data will be erased. Please be cautious not to mistakenly erase any important data.
- Please make sure to format (initialize) a media by the formatter of a “Memory Stick” compliant product. If it is initialized with Windows Explorer, a FORMAT ERROR occurs, it might become unusable on this product.

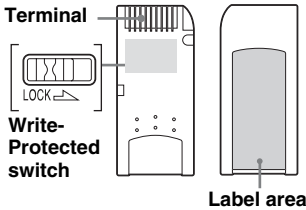
About the size of “Memory Stick”

- This product has a slot that can take both standard size and Duo size. All the products with such a slot as this are equipped with a system which automatically measures the size of an inserted media. That’s why both standard-size “Memory Stick” media and smaller “Memory Stick Duo” media can be used on this product without any Memory Stick Duo Adaptor.
- Do not insert two or more pieces of media at the same time. It might cause damage to the product.
- When you use “Memory Stick Duo” media and “Memory Stick Micro” media on this product, please make sure to insert it in the right direction.
- “Memory Stick Duo” media and “Memory Stick Micro” media should be kept away from small children to prevent them from accidentally swallowing it.

Usage Notes

“Memory Stick” Media

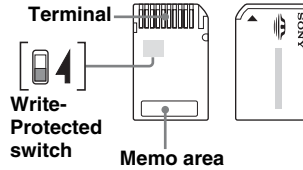
Notes on using “Memory Stick” media



- Do not remove “Memory Stick” media while data is being read or written.
- Data may be damaged if:
 - You remove “Memory Stick” media or disconnect the USB cable while data is being read or written.
 - You use “Memory Stick” media in a place where it is susceptible to static electricity or electric noise.
- We recommend that you make a backup copy of important data in “Memory Stick” media.
- Do not touch the terminal of “Memory Stick” media with anything including your fingers or metallic objects.
- Do not bent, drop or put a big impact on “Memory Stick” media.
- Do not disassemble or modify “Memory Stick” media.
- Keep “Memory Stick” media away from water.
- Do not use or keep “Memory Stick” media under an unfavorable condition as below:
 - Extremely hot place (such as in a parked car with windows closed in summer, a spot under direct sunlight, or near an electrical appliance that radiates heat).
 - Humid place.
 - Place near corrosive substances.
- If you set Write-Protected switch “LOCK,” data cannot be recorded, edited, or erased.

- Do not stick anything other than the supplied labels on the label area of “Memory Stick” media.
- Stick a label precisely within the label area. Make sure that the label does not go beyond the area.

Notes on using “Memory Stick Duo” media



- When you use “Memory Stick Duo” media without Write-Protected switch, be careful not to edit or erase important data by mistake.
- When you use “Memory Stick Duo” media with Write-Protected switch, data cannot be recorded, edited, or erased by “LOCK” the switch.
- Use an object with a sharp tip to move the Write-Protected switch.
- Do not press on the memo area strongly when writing.

Other Points to Note

Media formatting

Do not format (initialize) memory cards with a computer. If you format a memory card with a computer, devices such as digital cameras and mobile phone may not be able to use it due to differences in format type (FAT size, cluster size, hard disk type, or super floppy disk type). If you use a digital camera, format memory cards with your camera, instead.

Restrictions on DOS mode

In Windows, the reader/ writer does not operate in DOS mode.
To use the reader/writer, start up Windows.

Standby

The reader/writer supports standby functions based on the PC2000 standard, which may not cover the standby function of all computers. Disable the standby function of your computer if it causes any problems. While the computer is in standby, do not insert or remove any media.

Do not attempt to dismantle, repair, or alter the reader/writer yourself

Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to dismantle, repair, or alter the reader/writer yourself. You may not only permanently damage the reader/writer and/or your computer, but may also cause fire or personal injury through electrical shock.

Operating and storage environments

- Do not place the reader/writer close to heat sources or in direct sunlight; in dusty, dirty, or humid locations; under precipitation such as rain; or leave it in a hot vehicle with the windows closed.
- If the reader/writer interferes with the reception of radio or television signals, move the reader/writer away from the radio or television.
- When using the reader/writer, do not wrap it in cloth, sheets, or covers as this may cause a malfunction or fire.

Troubleshooting

Before consulting your Sony representative, verify the following. If the problem still persists, consult your local Sony dealer.

Problem	Solution
The computer does not detect the reader/writer.	→ Your computer and the reader/writer may not be properly connected. Disconnect the reader/writer from the computer and reconnect it.
The removable disk icon does not appear.	→ Your computer and the reader/writer may not be properly connected. See “Connecting the Reader/Writer to a Computer” (Page 7) and make sure the connection is correct. → In Windows 7 case, the removable disk icon appears after a memory card inserted.
The memory card cannot be accessed with Windows Explorer or My Computer.	→ No memory card is inserted. Insert a memory card into the proper slot.
The computer does not recognize the memory card.	→ The memory card is not fully inserted. Insert the card completely. → The memory card is not inserted straight. Remove the card and insert it again.
The read/write speed is slow.	→ The speed may vary depending on the environment or the memory card being used. This is not a malfunction.

Specifications

USB transfer rate

Full-speed (Up to 12 Mbps)

High-speed (Up to 480 Mbps)

This high-speed transfer rate is a theoretical value for the USB standard.

Actual performance is dependent on the device.

Power requirements

4.75 V to 5.25 V DC

Current consumption

Max. 500 mA *

Access indicator

Always lit

Blinks on access

Operating environment

Temperature: 5°C to 40°C

(41°F to 104°F)

Humidity: 30% to 80% RH

Storage environment

Temperature: -30 °C to + 60 °C

(-22 °F to +140 °F)

Humidity: No condensation

Dimensions (W × H × D)

Approx. 86 mm × 15.7 mm × 50 mm

(3 3/8 inches × 5/8 inches × 2 inches)

(excluding protrusions)

Mass

Approx. 57 g (2 oz.)

* Consumption may be higher when using
Microdrive

Technical Support

- For customers in Europe

Refer to “Sony at your service” of the
EUROPEAN GUARANTEE

INFORMATION DOCUMENT or check
on-line under

☐ <http://www.sony-europe.com/>

End User License Agreement

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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