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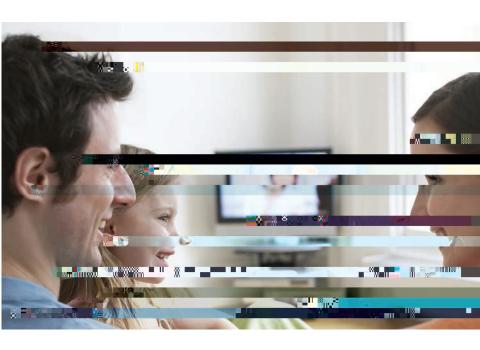
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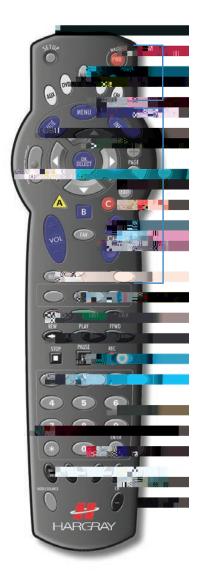




- Record your favorite programs when you're busy
- Record one program and watch another
- Record two live programs while watching a third program you recorded earlier
- Record and store up to 50 hours of standard-definition programs, or up to 20 hours of high-definition programs on the SARA HD/DVR (Explorer 8300)
- Pause live TV for up to one hour without missing a minute
- · Use instant replay anytime you want
- Watch two programs at the same time with the Picture-in-Picture feature on any TV you have



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# The Interactive Program Guide (IPG)

The IPG organizes programs and events into listings by channel, theme or title. With use of the following buttons on the remote control, you can:



Open and close the guide on your television.



Display channel and program information.



Select an option.



Move around in the guide to make selections with the LEFT, RIGHT, UP and DOWN arrows.



Perform actions that are prompted on the screen (for example, accept a selection or buy a Pay-Per-View event). Instructions on how to use the IPG features begin with the procedure below and continue on the reverse side.



## Watching a Program That is on Now

- 1. Press GUIDE to display the IPG. Result: The guide appears and the program you are watching is reduced to fit in the upper right area of the screen.
- 2. Do one of the following:
  - Press the UP or DOWN arrow key to move through the channels.
  - Press the LEFT or RIGHT arrow key to move periods to find the program you want to watch.
- 3. Press SELECT to begin watching the highlighted program if it is on now.

## Changing the Way You View the Guide

When you first display the IPG, the programs are listed by channel. You can change the listing to view programs by theme or by title.



- 1. Press the A key to go to the Browse By menu.
- 2. Press the UP or DOWN arrow key to choose Theme or Title.
- Press SELECT. Result: The IPG displays programs by either Title or Theme, as follows.
  - **4.** Press the UP or DOWN arrow key to find a program to watch.
  - **5.** Press the LEFT arrow key to choose a different Theme or Title.
  - 6. Press UP or DOWN arrow key to





## Canceling an Active Record Timer

If the VCR is actively recording a program, the SARA HD/DVR (Explorer 8300) must be on and you must use the remote control to cancel the active record timer.

- 1. If the SARA HD/DVR (Explorer 8300) power is off, press the POWER key on the SARA HD/DVR (Explorer 8300) or remote control.
- 2. Press the EXIT key on the remote control. Result: The recording is canceled.

# **Using Parental Control**

Parental Control allows you to restrict certain programming. Before using Parental Control, you must set up blocking by channel, time and/or rating. Refer to PARENTAL CONTROL in your Interactive Program Guide.

Press the SETTINGS key.
 Result: The Quick Settings menu gives you the option to turn
 Parental Control on or off for the entire system.

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Note: Your installer has already set up your DVR and your HD television if you have one. Pages 9-10 are for future reference.

# Preparing the SARA HD/DVR (Explorer 8300) to Work With Your HD Television

First make sure that your DVR is properly connected to your HDTV and other electronic devices. Use the component (PrPbY) or HDMI ports to connect the DVR to your HDTV.

For more information, refer to the connectivity guide for your DVR model:

- Connecting the SARA HD/DVR (Explorer 8300) Digital Video Recorder, part number 4003987
- Connecting the SARA HD/DVR (Explorer 8300) Digital Video Recorder, part number 4003986

Note: The composite ports (red, yellow, white) and the component ports (PrPbY) on the back of the 8300 are active simultaneously.

# **HDTV Setup Wizard**

# Selecting HDTV Picture Formats with the HDTV Setup Wizard

The following section provides instructions for using the HDTV Setup Wizard to select HDTV picture formats using the Easy and Advanced Setup modes.

#### Start the HDTV Setup Wizard

To start the HDTV Setup Wizard, follow these steps:

- Make sure that the DVR is powered off, but still plugged into an active power outlet and connected to the HDTV using the proper connectors (HDMI or component for an HDTV; composite, RF or S-Video for an SDTV).
- 2. Turn the TV on.
- With the DVR powered off, press GUIDE and INFO at the same time. The HDTV Setup Wizard screen appears.
- **4.** Press A to start the setup.
- **5.** Choose one of the following options:
  - To choose the Easy Setup option, press A, then go to the Easy Setup Instructions on Page 10.
  - To choose the Advanced Setup option, press B, then go to the Advanced Setup Instructions on Page 10.

Note: Choosing the Easy Setup mode limits your HDTV picture formats to 480i and 1080i, depending on the TV type you select.

Choosing the Advanced Setup mode allows you to save all of the HDTV picture formats so that you can toggle between them easily while watching TV.

Press the Guide and Info keys at the same time.





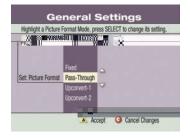
# Easy Setup Instructions 1







# Select Picture Mode for Normal Viewing



#### Control a Live Program

Use the following remote control keys to control the live program in the main screen: The PAUSE, REWIND, FAST-FORWARD, PLAY, INSTANT REPLAY and LIVE keys on the remote control are used to control the live program in the main screen.

For example, when you are watching your favorite live TV program and the telephone rings, press PAUSE to pause the program for up to one hour. From pause mode, press PAUSE or PLAY to resume the normal play mode.

While in normal play mode, press REWIND or FAST-FORWARD to cycle through three different speeds of rewind or fast-forward.



To reverse or advance one frame at a time, press PAUSE and then repeatedly press REWIND or FAST-FORWARD. For example, to advance three frames, press PAUSE and then press FAST-FORWARD three times.

To see the action in slow motion, press PLAY from normal play mode. Press PLAY again to resume normal play mode.

To replay the last eight seconds of a live or recorded program, press INSTANT REPLAY.

If you have rewound or paused a live program, press LIVE at any time to catch up to the live TV program.

Note: You can use these same dedicated DVR keys to control the reduced screen (also known as the quarter screen) in the Program Guide and in all DVR screens.

#### Pause a Live Program

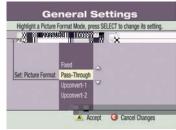
The paused status bar appears when you press PAUSE.



Note: All of the features for controlling live TV (such as Pause, Fast-Forward, Rewind) are also available when playing back recorded programs.

## Find a Program to Watch

- Press GUIDE. The Program Guide appears and lists the next seven days of programs.
- 2. Press the UP, DOWN, LEFT and RIGHT arrow keys to move through the program listings and highlight the program you want to watch.
- 3. Press SELECT. If the program is currently on, the Program Guide closes and the program you selected appears in full-screen TV. If the program is on in the future, a future program option screen appears.



# Search for a Program by Channel, Title or Theme 1





# Watching Your Recordings

## Access and Play Back Your Recorded Programs Anytime from Your List

- 1. Press LIST.
- 2. Use the arrow keys to choose the program you want to play back.
- **3.** Press SELECT to display your options.

#### OR

# Access and Play Back Your Recorded Programs from the Program Guide

- 1. Press GUIDE.
- 2. Use the arrow keys to choose the DVR channel.

Note: The DVR channel is a dedicated channel that allows you to play back your recorded programs.

3. Press SELECT to play back the program.

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# Managing Recording Space

# How Much Recording Space Do I Have?

- 1. Press LIST.
- Press B to display the Preferences screen, which displays the percentage of recording space used.

## Automatically Erasing Oldest Recordings if Space is Needed

Turning on Auto Erase will automatically erase just enough of your oldest recordings so there is enough space to record your new programs.

Note: Any recordings that have a Save Time of "Until I Erase" will not be automatically erased.

- 1. Press LIST.
- 2. Press B to display the Preferences screen.
- 3. Choose Turn ON Auto Erase.



# Using Picture-In-Picture (PIP)

#### Activate PIP on Your TV

While watching a program, press PIP On/Off to activate the PIP screen.

#### Notes:

- To pause or record the video in the PIP screen, you must first swap it to the main screen.
- You can only use the dedicated DVR keys (PAUSE, REWIND, FAST-FORWARD) to control the program shown in the main screen.
- To change the channel in the PIP screen, use PIP CH+ and PIP CH-.



## Activate PIP from the Program Guide

From the Program Guide, press EXIT or GUIDE to close the Program Guide, and then press PIP On/Off to activate PIP. You can only activate PIP from full-screen video.

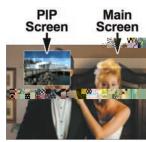
# Swap the Main and PIP Screens

To swap the TV program that is in the PIP screen to the main screen, press PIP SWAP.

Note: You will only hear the audio for the program shown in the main screen.

#### Move the PIP Screen

To move the PIP screen clockwise to a different corner of the main screen, press PIP MOVE. You can move the PIP screen to any of the four corners of the main screen.





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