

SONY®

***VAIO Digital Studio™
QuickStart***

PCV-RX360DS




Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of the Sony VAIO® computer! Your new, high-performance, multimedia computer combines state-of-the-art computer functionality with the latest audio/video and information technology convergence features.

Features

- ❑ **i.LINK® (IEEE1394) interface** — Two built-in i.LINK ports, located on the front and rear panels, provide you with digital connection capability. The i.LINK name and logo identify a high-speed communication interface, which allows you to easily connect compatible digital camcorders.

 i.LINK is a trademark of Sony used only to designate that a product contains an IEEE1394 connection. The i.LINK connection may vary, depending on the software applications, operating system and i.LINK-compatible devices. All products with an i.LINK connection may not communicate with each other.

Please refer to the documentation that came with your i.LINK-compatible device for information on operating conditions and proper connection. Before connecting i.LINK-compatible PC peripherals to your system, such as a CD-RW or Hard Disk Drive, confirm their operating system compatibility and required operating conditions.

- ❑ **VAIO® AV Applications** — This suite of Sony original applications includes PictureGear™, Smart Capture, DVgate™, OpenMG™ Jukebox, MovieShaker™, VisualFlow™ and Media Bar™. Using the i.LINK ports, you can capture, view, and share both still and video images, then catalog everything for fast, easy storage and retrieval.
- ❑ **Exceptional performance** — Your computer includes an Intel® processor, a 10Base-T/100Base-TX Fast Ethernet interface, and a high-speed V.90-compatible data/fax modem.*

* Actual upload and download speeds may vary due to line conditions, ISP support, and government regulations.

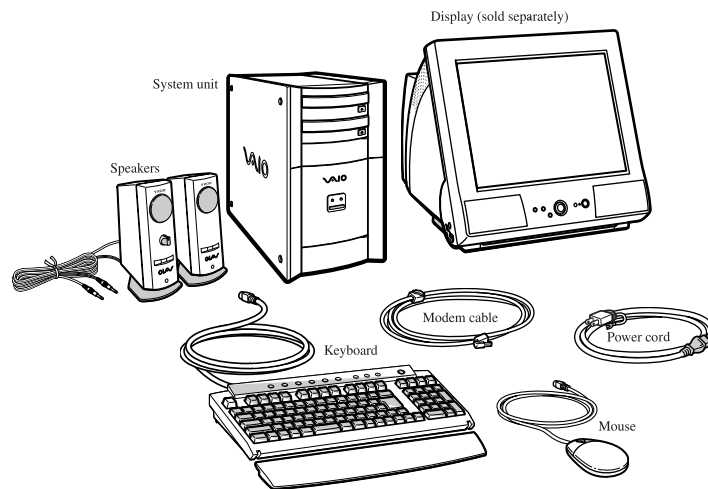
- ❑ **DVD drive** — This new optical storage technology provides increased storage capacity and a rich multimedia computing experience. Your DVD-ROM drive plays both DVDs and CDs.
- ❑ **CD-RW drive** — This drive is the ideal solution for making backups and archiving data, with the ability to store up to 650 MB* of removable, rewritable storage on a single rewritable CD. Save your movies to CD-R or CD-RW media and share videos and images with family and friends.
- ❑ **VAIO Smart™ keyboard** — This PS/2® keyboard has programmable shortcut buttons for launching your favorite programs or accessing the Internet.
- ❑ **Sony audio and video quality** — Take advantage of today's advanced multimedia applications, games, and entertainment software with Sony's high-fidelity audio system, high-powered 3D graphics, and "Sony-Tuned" MPEG digital video playback.
- ❑ **Microsoft® Windows® Millennium Edition operating system** — Your system includes this latest consumer operating system from Microsoft.
- ❑ **Preinstalled software titles** — All the software on your computer is preinstalled, configured, and ready for you to use right out of the box.
- ❑ **Communications** — Access popular online services, browse the Internet, send faxes, and more.

* 530 MB after formatting with Direct CD.™

Unpacking Your Computer

Computer and Supplied Accessories

Computer and accessories



Manuals

- ❑ **VAIO Digital Studio™ QuickStart** — Contains information on unpacking and setting up your computer, supplementary updates, and software information.
- ❑ **VAIO Digital Studio™ User Guide** — Contains features and specifications of your computer. It also includes information on the applications included with your system, how to contact software vendors, and solve common problems.
- ❑ **Microsoft® Windows® Millennium Edition Getting Started** — Explains how to use the basic features of the Windows® operating system.

Recovery CDs

- ❑ **System Recovery CD(s)** — Allows you to restore the software titles that shipped with your computer if they become corrupted or are erased. SRCDs can only be used to restore the hard disk of the Sony computer you purchased.
- ❑ **Application Recovery CD(s)** — Allows you to reinstall individual applications or device drivers if they become corrupted or are erased.
- ❑ **Driver Recovery CD** — Allows you to restore device drivers if they become corrupted or are erased.

Other

- ❑ Packet containing special product offers

Software Library

Software Library contains the Microsoft software license agreement, Sony end-user license agreement, and the following CDs:

- ❑ Corel® WordPerfect
- ❑ Tomb Raider ® 5

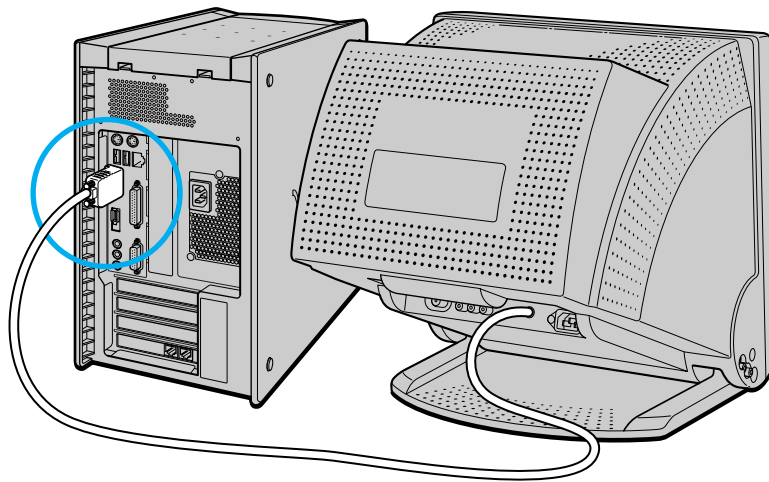
Setting Up Your Computer


This section illustrates how to set up and install your computer and peripheral devices.

Connecting a CRT Display

- 1 Plug the display cable into the MONITOR port.
- 2 If necessary, plug the display cord into the rear of the display.

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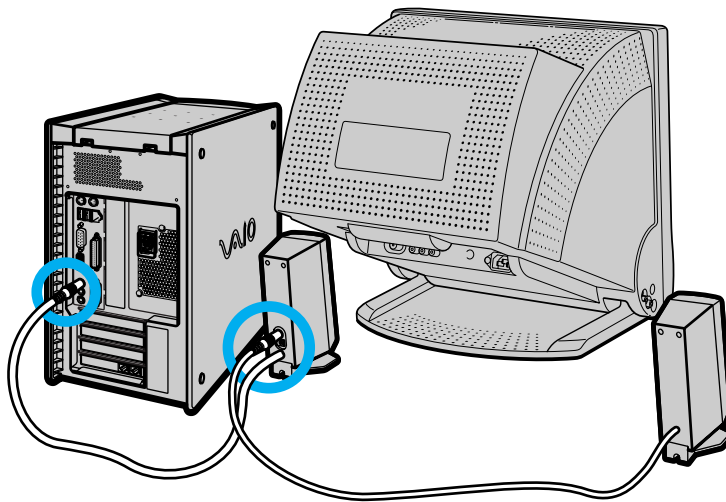


 Install your equipment so that you can easily reach the power outlet in the event of an emergency.

Connecting the Speakers

- 1 Plug the cable attached to the left speaker into the L OUT jack on the back of the right speaker.
- 2 Plug the cable attached to the right speaker into the HEADPHONES jack.
- 3 Plug the jack end of the speaker power cord into the DC IN jack on the back of the right speaker and plug the other end into a grounded AC wall outlet or power strip.

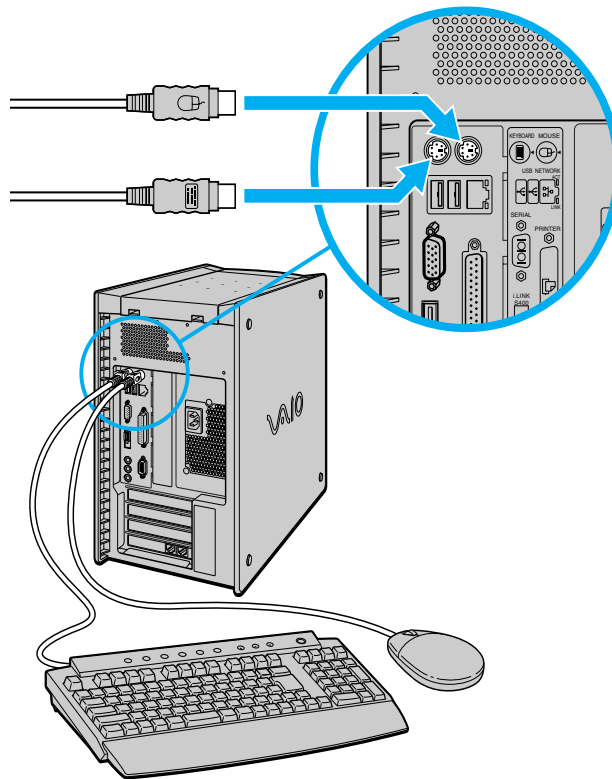
Connecting the speakers



Connecting the keyboard and mouse

- 1 Plug the keyboard cable into the PS/2[®] KEYBOARD port on the back of the computer.
- 2 Plug the mouse cable into the MOUSE port.

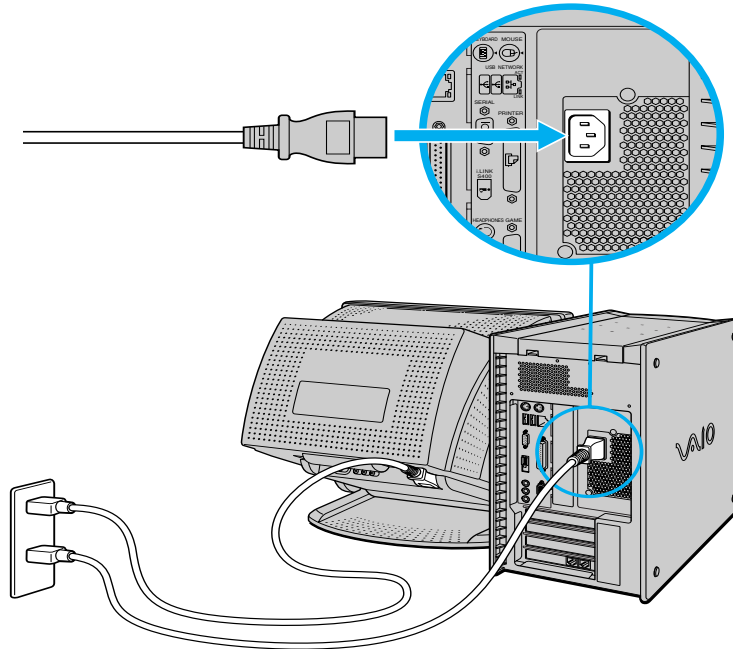
Connecting the keyboard and mouse




Connecting the modem cable and power cords

- 1 Unplug your phone from the wall jack, and plug it into the TELEPHONE jack on the computer.
- 2 Plug the modem cable (supplied) into the LINE jack on the computer, and then plug the other end of the cable into the wall jack.
- 3 Plug the power cord into the back of the computer.
- 4 Plug both the display and power cord into a grounded AC wall outlet or a power strip.


Connecting the power cords



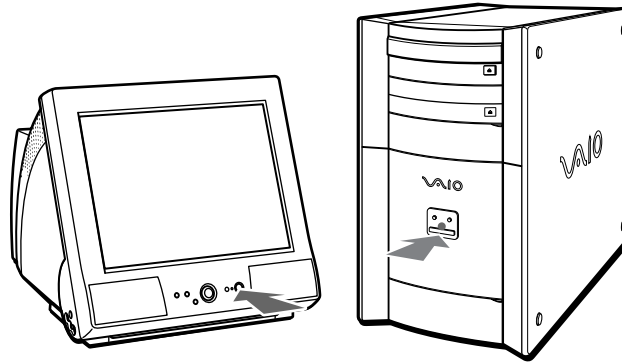
Warning: Your computer has a protective sticker  covering the Ethernet port located on the rear panel. Connect only 10Base-T and 100Base-TX cables to the Ethernet port. Using other cables or a telephone cable may result in an electric current overload and can cause a malfunction, excessive heat or fire in the port. For help on connecting to a network, see your network administrator.


Turning on your VAIO Computer

- 1 Press the power switch on the display to turn on the power.
- 2 Press the power switch on the computer to turn on the power.

 When you start your system for the first time, your computer may redetect new equipment and display a dialog box that asks you to restart your computer. Please respond to this request immediately.

Turning on your computer



 You may sign up for Internet access with a Sony preferred Internet service provider.

Configuring the Wheel Mouse

To set up the mouse for left-handed use

- 1 Click My Computer on your desktop.
- 2 Click Control Panel, and then Click Mouse. (If you don't see the option you need, click the hyperlink that allows you to view all Control Panel options.)
The Mouse Properties dialog box appears.
- 3 In the Buttons tab, select Left-Handed under the Button Configuration options.
- 4 Click Apply, then OK.


Registering Your Computer

Take advantage of Sony's commitment to quality customer support and receive these benefits by registering your computer:

- ☐ **Sony Customer Support** — Talk to a Support Representative to troubleshoot problems you may be having with your computer.
- ☐ **Limited warranty** — Protect your investment. See the Warranty Card for more details.


If you did not register when you first turned on your computer, follow these steps to use the online computer registration service.

- 1 Make sure your computer is connected to a phone line.
- 2 Click the registration icon on the VAIO® desktop.
- 3 Enter the information as requested in the first online registration form.

 Press the tab key to move from box to box.

- 4 Click the Next button to advance to the next form.
- 5 Complete the remaining forms by clicking the Next button each time you complete a form.

- 6 The computer automatically transfers your registration information using your built-in modem and a toll-free or local telephone number.

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Shutting Down Your Computer

When you are ready to turn off your computer for an extended period of time, use this procedure.




To avoid loss of data, do not use the power switch to turn off the computer.

To turn off your computer

 If you plan to turn off your computer for a short period of time, you may want to use standby mode instead.

- 1 From the Start menu, select Shut Down to display the Shut Down Windows dialog box.
- 2 Select the Shut Down option.
- 3 Click OK to complete the shut down process.

 Respond to any prompts about saving documents

- 4 Wait for your computer to turn off automatically—the power indicator light turns off.
- 5 Turn off any peripheral devices connected to your computer.

About the Power Switch


If your system stops responding, press and hold the power switch for more than four seconds to force your system to shut down. You may need to repeat this procedure.

Using the Standby Function

When you plan to stop using your computer for a short period of time, you can put it in standby mode instead of turning it off completely. Putting the computer in standby mode saves energy and allows a quick return to normal computer use. You can use any of the following three methods for activating the standby mode.

To set the computer in standby mode using the Standby key


- 1 Save your work, close all applications, and close your dial-up Internet connection, if applicable.

 You can leave the Windows® operating system running.

- 2 Press the ⏻ (Standby) key on the top of the keyboard.
The computer goes into standby mode.

To set the computer in standby mode using the Windows taskbar


- 1 Save your work, close all applications, and close your dial-up Internet connection, if applicable.

 You can leave the Windows operating system running.

- 2 From the Start menu on the Windows taskbar, select Shut Down.
- 3 Select Standby.
- 4 Click OK.
The computer goes into standby mode.


To let the computer go into standby mode automatically

- 1 Save your work, close all applications, and close your dial-up Internet connection, if applicable.

 You can leave the Windows operating system running

- 2 Click My Computer on your desktop.

- 3 Click Control Panel.
- 4 Click Power Options.
- 5 On the Power Schemes tab, select an option from the Power schemes drop-down list.
- 6 Choose settings for the power scheme you have selected.

 To save the settings under a name that is not offered in the Power schemes drop-down menu, choose your settings and then click Save As.

- 7 Type in a name.
- 8 Click OK.
- 9 Click Apply to finalize your power settings.

The computer will go into standby mode according to your settings.

To resume from standby mode

There are three ways to bring your computer back from the standby mode:

- ☐ Press the space bar on your keyboard.
- ☐ Momentarily press the power button on your computer.
- ☐ Press Alt.

Standby Mode Indicators

You can tell which mode the computer is in by the color of the power indicator light.

<i>Color</i>	<i>Mode</i>
Red	Computer is in standby mode.
Blue	Computer is in normal mode, ready to use.
No color	Computer is turned off.

About the Software on Your Computer

Your VAIO® computer is ready to help you work, play, learn, and communicate as soon as you turn it on. This section provides an overview of the software titles included with your computer.

Adobe® Acrobat® Reader

Adobe Systems Incorporated

Acrobat Reader software allows you to view, navigate, and print electronic documents in Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF), an open file format that is intended to preserve the fidelity of documents created on all major computer platforms.

Adobe® PhotoDeluxe® Home Edition

Adobe Systems Incorporated

Create amazing photo effects with Adobe PhotoDeluxe. Without learning complex software, you can enhance, restore, and be creative with your photos. Includes built-in guided activities, stock photos, clip art, and templates to assist you.

America Online®

America Online

America Online is the world's most popular Internet online service. Stay in touch with family and friends with easy-to-use e-mail. Manage your personal finances, get the latest news and sports scores, and chat with thousands of others who share your interests.

CompuServe® 2000

CompuServe Interactive Services

The all-new CompuServe 2000 delivers a powerful tool for Internet users who want serious and timely information, in-depth research, and professional communities backed by state-of-the-art technologies, including high-speed access and powerful e-mail messaging.

Direct CD™

Adaptec, Inc.

Direct CD allows you to drag and drop files directly to your CD-RW drive. You can save, rename, move or delete files right on your CD-RW.

Microsoft® Internet Explorer

Microsoft Corporation

Internet Explorer delivers the Web the way you want it. It's safe, easy to use, and you can personalize how you access the Web. Outlook Express and other tools in Internet Explorer help you have a great experience when you are on the Web!

Microsoft® Outlook® Express

Microsoft Corporation

Outlook Express, the messaging tool that takes your e-mail and newsgroup communications to new heights! Outlook Express is easy to set up and use, and provides you with secure, personalized, and comprehensive features that make creating, sending, and reading your e-mail a rich and dynamic experience.

MovieShaker™

Sony Electronics, Inc.

Sony's original MovieShaker software creates personal movies that have transitions, background music, and text. Just import your video clips and "shake" with a click of the mouse. Your personal movies are easy to create and fun to share with family and friends.

Netscape® Communicator

Netscape Communications

Netscape Communicator is the all-in-one Internet tool that makes it easy to browse the Web, send Internet e-mail, chat, read newsgroups, and compose great Web documents.

OpenMG™ Jukebox

Sony Electronics, Inc.

OpenMG Jukebox software enables you to import digital audio files by downloading audio files from Electronic Music Distribution (EMD) services over digital networks, such as the Internet. You can record audio CDs onto your hard drive in a variety of formats.

PhotoPrinter™ 2000 Pro

ArcSoft, Inc.

PhotoPrinter Pro is an easy-to-use, advanced printing program that lets users quickly layout multiple images in multiple sizes on a single sheet of paper. PhotoPrinter Pro offers a wide selection of templates including landscape, portrait, free-style, mixed sizes, custom templates and more. The application includes enhancement tools and special effects for improving photos while giving users the ability to add text to any image.

PictureGear™

Sony Electronics, Inc.

This image management software displays images from your hard drive, a Sony digital still camera, or a Sony Mavica® camera. The images appear in a convenient light-table format, so that you can easily view the contents of an entire folder.

Prodigy Internet™

Prodigy Communications Corporation

An Internet service that helps you find what you need online faster and smarter. Prodigy delivers powerful online content, such as sports scores, stock quotes, news, and easy access to Excite™, plus a personal e-mail account and quality customer service—all at a competitive price.

Quicken® 2001

Intuit, Inc.

Quicken is the fastest, easiest way to organize your finances. Quicken works just like your checkbook, so it's easy to learn and use. Quicken manages all of your finances, bank accounts, credit cards, investments, and loans. You can even pay your bills online.

Smart Capture™

Sony Electronics, Inc.

By managing the i.LINK connection between your computer and a digital camera with an i.LINK interface, Smart Capture enables you to capture and compress video or still images that you can save or share via e-mail. Smart Capture is a smart solution to computer, digital audio/video, and network convergence.

Tomb Raider® 5

Eidos Interactive

Tomb Raider 5 is the next title in the action-adventure game series starring Lara Croft. Once again explore dangerous and exciting new worlds, find powerful weapons and tackle new enemies. Whether a veteran of the series or newcomer, Tomb Raider's stunning 3-D worlds and intense action is something you will not want to miss.

VAIO Action Setup

Sony Electronics, Inc.

VAIO Action Setup manages the settings for your computer's Shortcut keys and i.LINK interface.

VAIO Support Agent

Sony Electronics, Inc.

VAIO Support Agent provides immediate, interactive, on-line support.

VisualFlow™

Sony Electronics, Inc.

VisualFlow is a state-of-the-art Sony multimedia browser designed specifically for Memory Stick media. It displays any still picture, movie or sound files stored in a Memory Stick media in a visually pleasing, artistic manner. VisualFlow not only plays a selected movie or sound file, but also enables playback of files by other applications like PictureGear, Memory Stick Slideshow and Windows Explorer.

WordPerfect®

Corel Corporation

Create professional-looking documents, such as newsletters, reports and brochures with this outstanding word processor, adding graphics, charts and tables with ease. RealTime Preview lets you preview formatting before applying it to your documents and Reveal Codes increases the control you have over document structure.

