

# SOUND & VISION®

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## recording/editing options

	PANASONIC DMR-E60	PHILIPS DVDR 80	SONY RDR-GX7
<b>Recording formats</b> ("DVD-V" format is used to create discs compatible with standard DVD-Video players)*	DVD-RAM format on DVD-RAM discs, DVD-V format on DVD-R discs	DVD-V format on DVD+R/RW discs	DVD-V format on DVD+RW and DVD-R/RW discs, VR format on DVD-RW discs
<b>Maximum recording times with 4.7-GB blanks</b> (approximate)	1, 2, 4, or 6 hours on both DVD-RAM and DVD-R discs	1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, or 8 hours	1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, or 6 hours
<b>Title-editing functions</b>	DVD-RAM (naming, erasing, shortening, and excerpting titles); DVD-R (naming and erasing titles)	naming, erasing, dividing, and adding onto titles; inserting/deleting chapter markers; hiding chapters during normal playback	DVD+RW and DVD-R/RW in DVD-V format (naming and erasing titles); DVD-RW in VR format (naming and erasing titles, erasing sections of titles, inserting/deleting chapter markers)
<b>Erasing titles retrieves disk space</b>	DVD-RAM, yes; DVD-R, no	yes	DVD+RW and DVD-RW, yes; DVD-R, no
<b>Playlist editing</b>	DVD-RAM (adding, moving, re-editing, and erasing segments; copying, erasing, and naming playlists)	not applicable	DVD-RW in VR format (adding, moving, combining, and erasing segments; adding chapter markers)
<b>Automatic chapter generation</b>	about every 5 minutes during finalization of DVD-R discs	every 5 to 6 minutes	every 6 or 15 minutes
<b>Disc types that must be finalized to play properly in standard DVD-Video players</b>	DVD-R	edited DVD+R/RW	all DVD-R/RW discs recorded in DVD-V format
<b>Allows recording of anamorphic material for widescreen display</b>	no	no	yes, but only for DVD-R and DVD-RW recordings
<b>Creates pictorial menu on recorded disc</b>	no	yes	no
<b>Creates text menu</b>	yes	no	yes

\* None of these recorders create erasable discs guaranteed to be playable in *all* DVD-Video players.