Getting Started

This document describes the procedure for upgrading the PMW-F5/F55 to the latest version.
First save the update data to an SD card, and then use the menu to perform the upgrade.

For details on using menus, refer to the Operating Instructions.

Checking the Current Version

The unit version is displayed on the "Number" area when selecting "Version" in the System menu.

Notes on Performing Upgrade

- Be sure to use the AC adaptor (AC-DN2B or AC-DN10) when performing the upgrade.
- Use an SDHC memory card (Speed Class: 4 to 10, UHS is not compatible, Capacity: 2 GB to 32 GB) or SD memory card (File system: FAT 16, Capacity: up to 2 GB).
- Use an SD card that is formatted using the format function of the PMW-F5/F55.

For details about the format function, refer to the Operating Instructions.

Saving the Update Data to an SD Card

1 Prepare the computer for saving data to the SD card.

2 Download the zip file containing the update data from the update-data download site, and save it to a desired location in the computer.

3 Expand the zip file, and save the update data file (filename extension: ".bin") directly to the root directory of the SD card.

Performing the Upgrade

Note

Do not do any of the following while performing the upgrade.
Doing so could interrupt the upgrade process, and cause malfunctions.
- Eject or insert an SD card
- Turn the power off

For details on using the PMW-F5/F55, refer to the Operating Instructions.

1 Insert the SD card containing the update data into the SD card slot of the PMW-F5/F55.

2 Select "Version Up" in "Version" of the System menu, and select "Execute."

The following message appears: "Connect DC Power to DC IN Upgrade Version?"

3 Select "Execute."

The message "Version Upgrade VX.XX > VY.YY" appears (X.XX: current version number, Y.YY: latest version number).

If the update data is not found:
The message "Version Upgrade No File" appears.
The following are the possible causes.
- The update data has not been saved to the root directory of the SD card.
- The update data for a different model has been saved.
- The data could not be decoded correctly.
Save the correct update data to an SD card, and restart the upgrade from step **1**.

4 Select "Execute".

The upgrade begins.

There are two phases to the upgrade, labeled "Phase 1" and "Phase 2."
During the upgrade, the REC lamp flashes. The message "Version Upgrade Elapsed Time XX:YY:ZZ Executing... **%" appears on the VF and sub display. (XX:YY:ZZ: Elapsed time for each phase, **%: Progress status for each phase)

Below are shown the approximate time each phase takes.

Phase	Approximate time
Phase 1	About 3 minutes
Phase 2	About 8 minutes

Note

During the switchover between Phase 1 and 2, the message disappears and the PMW-F5/F55 restarts, although the process is still running. Do not turn off the power.

When the upgrade is complete, the REC lamp lights up and the message "Version Upgrade OK Turn Power Off" appears.

If the upgrade was interrupted:
If there was an error in the update data, the following message appears: "Version Upgrade NG: Cannot Read. Power Off". Restart the camcorder, save the correct update data to an SD card, then restart the upgrade from step **1**.

If the upgrade failed:
The message "Version Upgrade Error!!" appears. Re-check the upgrade procedure, and restart the upgrade from step **1**.
If the upgrade still does not execute correctly, then there may be a malfunction in the camcorder. Contact a Sony service representative.

5 Restart the PMW-F5/F55.

6 Make sure that the version is now the latest (see "Checking the Current Version").

If the version is not the latest:
Re-check the upgrade procedure, and restart the upgrade from step **1**.