THINKWARE DASH CAM

Q850 User Guide

This product records videos while the vehicle is operating. Read and follow the instructions in this guide to properly use and maintain the product.



Before using the product

About the product

This product records videos while the vehicle is operating. Use this product only for reference when investigating incidents or road accidents. This product is not guaranteed to record all events. The device may not record accidents with impacts that are too minor to activate the impact sensor or accidents with massive impacts that cause the vehicle's battery voltage to deviate.

Video recording does not begin until the product is completely turned on (booted up). To ensure that all vehicle events are recorded, wait until the product is completely booted up after turning it on, and then begin operating the vehicle.

THINKWARE is not responsible for any loss caused by an accident, nor is it responsible for providing any support regarding the outcome of an accident.

Depending on the vehicle's configuration or operating conditions, such as the installation of remote door lock devices, ECU settings, or TPMS settings, some product features may not be supported, and different firmware versions may influence the product's performance or features.

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Safety information

Read the following safety information to properly use the product.

Safety symbols in this guide

"Warning" - Indicates a potential hazard which, if not avoided, may result in injury or death.

🔨 "Caution" - Indicates a potential hazard which, if not avoided, may result in minor injury or property damage.

"Note" - Provides useful information to help users better utilize the product's features.

Safety information for proper use

Driving and product operation



• Install the product in places where the driver's view is not obstructed. Obstruction of the driver's vision may cause accidents and result in injury or death. Check with your state and municipal laws before mounting the product to the windshield.

Power supply



• Do not operate or handle the power cable with wet hands. Doing so may result in electrocution.

- Do not use damaged power cables. Doing so may result in electrical fire or electrocution.
- Keep the power cable away from all heat sources. Failure to do so may cause the power cord insulation to melt, resulting in electrical fire or electrocution.
- Use the power cable with the correct connector and make sure the power cable is connected securely and is firmly in place. Failure to do so may result in electrical fire or electrocution.
- Do not modify or cut the power cable. Also, do not place heavy objects on the power cable or pull, insert, or bend the power cable using excessive force. Doing so may result in electrical fire or electrocution.
- Use only genuine accessories from THINKWARE or an authorized THINKWARE dealer. THINKWARE does not guarantee compatibility and normal operation of third-party accessories.
 - When connecting the power cable to the product, ensure that the connection between the cable plug
 and the power cable connector on the product is secure. If the connection is loose, the power cable may
 become disconnected due to vehicle vibration. Video recording is not available if the power connector is
 disconnected.

Children and pets

Ensure that the product is out of the reach of children and pets. If the product breaks, it may result in fatal damage.

Other information about the product

Product management and operation

• Do not expose the product to direct sunlight or intense light. The lens or internal circuitry may fail otherwise.

- Use the product at a temperature between 14°F and 140°F (-10°C to 60°C) and store the product at a temperature between -4°F and 158°F (-20°C to 70°C). The product may not function as designed and some permanent physical damages may result if it is operated or stored out of the specified temperature ranges. Such damages are not covered by the warranty.
- Frequently check the product for the proper installation position. Impact caused by extreme road conditions may alter the installation position. Ensure that the product is positioned as instructed in this guide.
- Do not apply excessive force when pressing the buttons. Doing so may damage the buttons.
- **Do not use chemical cleaners or solvents to clean the product.** Doing so may damage plastic components of the product. Clean the product using a clean, soft, and dry fabric.
- Do not disassemble the product or subject the product to impact. Doing so may damage the product. Unauthorized disassembly of the product voids the product warranty.
- Handle with care. If you drop, mishandle, or expose the product to external shocks, it may cause damage and/or result in the malfunction of the product.
- Do not attempt to insert foreign objects into the device.
- Avoid excessive humidity and do not allow any water to enter the product. Electronic components inside the product may fail if exposed to humidity or water.
- Depending on the make and model of your car, the power may be constantly supplied to the dash cam even when the ignition is turned off. Installation of the device to a continuously powered 12V outlet could result in vehicle battery drainage.
 - This device is designed to record video while the vehicle is in operation. The quality of the video might be affected by weather conditions and the road environment, such as whether it is day or night, presence of street lighting, entering/exiting tunnels, and the surrounding temperature.
 - THINKWARE is NOT responsible for the loss of any recorded video during operation.
 - Although the device was designed to withstand high-impact car collisions, THINKWARE does not guarantee the recording of accidents when the device is damaged as a result of the accident.
 - Keep the windshield and camera lens clean for optimal video quality. Particles and substances on the camera lens or windshield may reduce the quality of the recorded videos.
 - This device is intended to be used inside the vehicle only.

1. Product overview

1.1 Included items

Ensure that all the items are included when you open the product box.

1.1.1 Standard items









Hardwiring cable



Adhesive cable holder



microSD memory card

(consumable)



Warranty & CS information



The standard items may change without prior notice.

1.1.2 Accessories (sold separately)



Rear camera & cable



Car charger



OBD-II cable

GPS reception may be affected by interference from the vehicle's windshield, particularly those treated with anti-UV protective coating, or built-in defroster. It is recommended that an external GPS receiver is used when the GPS signal is weak or when you cannot get a GPS signal.

1.2 Part names

1.2.1 Front camera (main unit) - front view



- To reset the product, press and hold the voice recording () and REC () buttons simultaneously until you hear beeps.
 - The security LED status may vary depending on the selected mode.
 - Refer to the following table to check the status of the product using the LED indicators. For more information about the REC LED, refer to "3.3 Using the continuous recording feature" on page 17.

LED	LED status	Operation description
BT/WiFi	(light on)	Wi-Fi connected
	— (light on) / — 🧏 (flickers)	Bluetooth on/Bluetooth pairing
	──^{&} > ──^{&} (flickers)	Bluetooth/Wi-Fi reset
	—— (light on)	Internet Mode connected
GPS	(light on)	GPS connected
Misc.	Wi-Fi 📥 🛰 🔪 REC 📥 🏷 GPS 📥 🖄 (flickers)	Firmware upgrade

1.2.2 Front camera (main unit) - rear view



1.2.3 Rear camera (optional)



Microphone Used for voice recording

1.3 Removing and inserting the memory card

Follow the instructions to remove the memory card from the product or to insert the memory card into the product.



Before removing the memory card, ensure that the product is turned off. Gently push the bottom of the memory card with your fingernail to release it, and then remove it from the product.

To insert the memory card into the memory card slot, ensure that the metal contacts on the memory card are facing toward the product's buttons, and insert it into the slot until you hear a click.

- Ensure that the product is turned off before removing the memory card. The recorded video files may be corrupted or lost if you remove the memory card while the product is on.
 - Ensure that the memory card is in the correct direction before inserting it into the product. The memory card slot or the memory card may be damaged if it is inserted incorrectly.
 - Use only authentic memory cards from THINKWARE. THINKWARE does not guarantee compatibility and normal operation of third-party memory cards.

To prevent loss of recorded video files, periodically back up the video files on a separate storage device.

2. Installing the product

2.1 Installing the front camera (main unit)

Follow the instructions to properly install the product.

2.1.1 Selecting an installation location



Select an installation location that can record the entire view in front of the vehicle without obstructing the driver's vision. Ensure that the front camera lens is located in the center of the windshield.



If a GPS navigating device is installed on the dashboard, its GPS reception may be affected depending on the dashboard camera's installation location. Adjust the installation location of the GPS navigating device to ensure that the two devices are separated by at least 20 centimeters (approximately 8 inches).

2.1.2 Securing the product

Follow the instructions to secure the product at the installation location.



Align the mount to the mount rail on the product, and then slide it until you hear a click (1). Then, carefully remove the protective film (2).

2 After determining the installation location, wipe the installation location on the windshield with a dry cloth.



Remove the protective film from the adhesive mount, and then press the mount to the installation location.



Remove the product from the mount and push the mount against the windshield to ensure that the mount is firmly fixed.



Align the product to the mount, and then slide it into the locking position until you hear a click.

The product may fall and be damaged during vehicle operation if it is not firmly fixed to the mount.
If you need to remove the mount from the windshield to alter the installation location, be careful not to damage the windshield's film coat.



Set the vertical angle of the camera appropriately.

To confirm the camera angle, record a video after installation and check the video using the mobile viewer or the PC viewer. If necessary, adjust the camera angle again.
 For more information about the mobile viewer or the PC viewer, refer to "4. Using the mobile viewer" on page 21 or "6. Using the PC viewer" on page 24.

2.1.3 Connecting the power cable

When the engine and electrical accessories are turned off, connect the continuous power cable or the cigar socket power cable (optional) to the product.

Connecting the continuous power cable



If you connect the product to the vehicle via the continuous power cable, the camera continues operating even when the vehicle is not operating (parking mode). In parking mode, the camera detects impacts to the vehicle and nearby motion and records video.

For more information about parking mode, refer to "3.6 Using parking mode" on page 19.

- The continuous power cable must be professionally installed in the vehicle by a trained mechanic. Contact an authorized service center to connect the continuous power cable to the vehicle. If the product is not installed properly, the product may be damaged or an electrical fire or electrocution may occur.
 - Use the authentic THINKWARE continuous power cable only. Using other manufacturer's cable may damage the product or cause electrocution due to the voltage difference.
 - When connecting the continuous power cable, pay special attention to wiring. If the wires are connected incorrectly, the product or the vehicle may be damaged.



Find the vehicle's fuse box. Usually the fuse box is installed under the driver's seat.

The location of the fuse box may differ depending on the make and model of the vehicle. For more information, refer to your vehicle's owner's manual.



Open the fuse box, find the continuous power terminal (which supplies power when the vehicle is off) and the ACC terminal (which supplies power when the ignition status is "ACC ON") by using an electrical tester, and detach the fuses from the terminals.



Connect the BATTERY wire to a fuse leg of the continuous power terminal and connect the ACC wire to a fuse leg of the normal (ACC) terminal.

- 4 Check the fuse panel's input and output contact points by using an electrical tester.
- **5** Place the fuses back into their locations on the fuse panel, connecting each fuse leg with the wire to the output contact point and taking care not to change the fuse position.

When you install the fuses on the fuse panel, the fuse legs for the BATTERY wire and the ACC wire must be connected to the output terminals respectively. If the fuse leg with the wire is connected to an input terminal, the product or vehicle may be damaged or electrical fire may result.



Connect the ground wire (the GND wire) to a bolt attached to a metallic part of the vehicle's body.

Normally, the metallic bolt that you can connect the ground wire to (the GND wire) is fitted nearby fuse box or the driver seat's door interior.



Connect the continuous power cable to the product's DC-IN power connector and start the engine to make sure the product operates normally.

Once the product is powered on, the LED indicator and the voice guidance are turned on.



Connect the product to **THINKWARE DASH CAM LINK** on your smartphone and adjust the camera angle so that the hood of the vehicle covers 1/4 - 1/8 of the screen while viewing the live view screen, as shown in the image to the left.

For more information about connecting and using the THINKWARE mobile applications, refer to "4. Using the mobile viewer" on page 21.

Connecting the car charger (optional)

The hardwiring cable must be professionally installed to the vehicle by a trained mechanic.



Connect the car charger to the product's DC-IN power port and insert the cigar jack into the vehicle's power socket.

The location and specifications of the power socket may differ by vehicle make and model.

- Use the authentic THINKWARE car charger (optional). Use of third party power cables may damage the product and result in electrical fire or electrocution due to the voltage difference.
 - Do not cut or modify the power cable yourself. Doing so may damage the product or the vehicle.
 - For safe driving, arrange the cables to prevent the driver's vision from being obstructed or interfering with driving. For more information about arranging cables, visit www.thinkware.com.

2.2 Installing the rear camera (optional)

Refer to the following instructions to properly install the rear camera.

2.2.1 Selecting an installation location



Select a location on the rear windshield where there is no defrost grid wire and the camera can record the entire rear view.

- For vehicles with a sunshade attached to the rear windshield, you must select a location where using the sunshade will not interfere with camera operation.
 - The adhesive part of the rear camera should not touch the defrost grid.

2.2.2 Securing the rear camera

Refer to the following instructions to secure the product to the installation location.

1 After determining the installation location, wipe the installation surface of the windshield with a dry cloth.

Check the installation location before you secure the rear camera to the rear windshield. After securing the rear camera to the windshield, it is hard to remove the camera or change the installation location due to the strong adhesive.



Remove the protective film from the adhesive mount and camera lens.



Attach the product with the THINKWARE logo facing indoors and press the adhesive tape firmly to secure the camera.



If the product is fixed in reverse, the rear view will be recorded upside down.



Adjust the camera's vertical angle.

2.2.3 Connecting the rear camera cable

Power off the product and connect the rear camera cable to the front camera (main unit).

Connect one end of the rear camera cable to the front camera's V-IN port.

Connect the other end of the rear camera cable to the rear camera's connection port.

For safe driving, arrange the cables to prevent the driver's vision from being obstructed or interfering with driving.

3 Turn on the ACC or start the engine to check if the product is powered on. After the product is powered on, the Status LED and the voice guidance will be turned on.



The product is powered on when the ACC mode is turned on or when the engine starts.

3. Using recording features

3.1 Turning the product on or off

The product is turned on automatically and continuous recording starts when you turn on the ACC or start the engine.

Wait until the product is completely booted up after turning it on, and then begin operating the vehicle. The video recording does not begin until the product is completely turned on (booted up).

3.2 Learning about file storage locations

Videos are stored in the following folders according to their recording mode.

On the mobile viewer	Continuous	Continuous Incident	Manual Recording	Motion Detection	Parking Incident	SOS Recording
In the memory card	cont_rec	evt_rec	manual_rec	motion_timelapse_rec	parking_rec	sos_rec

Play videos on Window/Mac computer or using the Thinkware mobile app. If you play videos by inserting the memory card in devices such as a smartphone or a tablet PC, the video files may be lost.

A file name is composed of the recording start date and time, and the recording option.

YYYYMMDD HHMMSS REC_20240122 182052 F.MP4 REC_20240122 182052 R.MP4 Recording conditions

- F: Front camera
- Rear camera (when optional rear camera is equipped)

3.3 Using the continuous recording feature

Connect the power cable to the product's DC-IN power port and then turn on the vehicle's electrical accessories or start the engine. The status LED and the voice guide are turned on, and the continuous recording starts.

ModeOperation descriptionRecording LED (REC)Continuous
recordingDuring driving, videos are recorded in 1 minute segments and stored
in the "cont_rec" folder.Image: Continuous
(light on)Incident continuous
recording*When an impact to the vehicle is detected, a video is recorded for
20 seconds, from 10 seconds before the detection to 10 seconds after
the detection, and stored in the "evt_rec" folder.

During continuous recording, the product operates as follows.

* When an impact to the vehicle is detected during continuous recording, incident continuous recording starts with a double beep sound.



- Wait until the product is completely booted up after turning it on, and then begin operating the vehicle. The video recording does not begin until the product is completely turned on (booted up).
- When incident continuous recording starts, a double "beep" sounds as a notification. This function saves you time when checking the status LED to know the operating status of the product.
- To enable recording, you must insert a memory card into the product.

3.4 Recording manually

You can record a scene you want to capture while driving and store it as a separate file.

To start manual recording, press the REC () button. Then, manual recording will start with the voice guide. During manual recording, the product operates as follows.

Mode	Operation description	Recording LED (REC)
Manual recording	When you press the REC (()) button, a video will be recorded for 1 minute, from 10 seconds before to 50 seconds after pressing the button, and stored in the " manual_rec " folder.	(flickers)

3.5 Using the SOS recording feature

You can record a scene when an accident occurs while driving or parked and store it as a separate file.

To start SOS recording, press the REC () button for 3 seconds. Then, the voice guide will indicate that SOS recording has started.

During SOS recording, the product operates as follows.

Mode	Operation description	Recording LED (REC)/ Wi-Fi LED (WiFi)
SOS recording	If you press the REC () button for 3 seconds when an accident occurs, a video will be recorded for 10 seconds (from 5 seconds before the accident to 5 seconds after pressing the button) and stored in the "sos_rec" folder.	(flickers)

According to the data service policy, if you have used all of the SOS recording upload usage times, pressing the REC (____) button will save the recorded video to the SD card, but may not upload it to the THINKWARE CONNECTED LTE application. Visit THINWARE website (https://www.thinkware.com) for more information.

3.6 Using parking mode

When the product is connected to the vehicle via the hardwiring cable, the operating mode is switched to parking mode with the voice guide after the engine or electrical accessories are turned off.

• Parking mode operates only when the hardwiring cable is connected. The hardwiring cable must be professionally installed to the vehicle by a trained mechanic.

- To use all recording modes, you must insert a memory card into the product.
- Depending on the battery charging status of the vehicle, the duration of parking mode may differ. If you want to use parking mode for an extended period, check the battery level to prevent battery depletion.

If you do not want to use parking mode or you want to change the mode settings, from the mobile viewer, tap **Dash Cam Settings > Record Settings**.

Option		ion	Operation description	Recording LED (REC)
Motion Detection	No motion or impact detected	Monitors movement in the area or impacts to the vehicle. Video will be recorded only when motion or an impact is detected.	(flickers slowly)	
	Motion detected	When a moving objects is detected while parking, a video is recorded for 20 seconds, from 10 seconds before detection to 10 seconds after detection, and stored in the "motion_timelapse_rec" folder.	(flickers)	
		Impact detected	When an impact is detected while parking, a video is recorded for 20 seconds, from the moment 10 seconds before detection to 10 seconds after detection, and stored in the "parking_rec" folder.	(flickers)
		No impact detected	A videos is recorded at a rate of 2 fps for 10 minutes, compressed into a 2-minute long file, and stored in the "motion_timelapse_ rec" folder. Since the video file recorded with this option is small, you can record a long video.	(light on)
	Time Lapse	Impact detected	When an impact is detected while parking, a video is recorded for 100 seconds at a rate of 2 fps, from the moment 50 seconds before detection to 50 seconds after detection, and stored in the "parking_rec" folder after being compressed into a 20-second long file. (The buzzer will sound.)	(flickers)
	Energy Saving	No impact detected	Monitors impacts to the vehicle. Video will be recorded only when an impact is detected.	Off
		Impact detected	When an impact is detected while parking, a video is recorded for 20 seconds from within 1 second after detection and stored in the " parking_rec " folder.	(flickers)
OFF		FF	The product is powered off when electric accessories and the engine are turned off.	Off

Refer to the following table to set the **Parking Mode** options.

If parking mode settings are changed, the videos recorded with the previous settings will be deleted. To prevent data loss, back up all parking mode videos before changing parking mode settings.

You cannot use Motion Detection, Time Lapse, or Energy Saving at the same time.

3.7 Using the Super Night Vision

With the Super Night Vision feature, you can record videos that are much brighter than those recorded without this feature. This feature is enabled by real-time image signal processing (ISP) that improves the video brightness. This feature is available in the continuous recording and parking modes and is only available on the front camera.

- 1 From the mobile viewer, tap **Dash Cam Settings > Record Settings**.
- 2 From Super Night Vision, select the desired recording mode to use the Super Night Vision feature. The new setting is applied automatically.

3.8 Using the road safety features

The road safety features include a safety camera alert system, a lane departure warning system (LDWS), a lane departure warning system speed (LDWS Speed), a forward-collision warning system (FCWS), a low speed forward collision warning system (low-speed FCWS), and a front vehicle departure warning (FVDW).

Safety feature	Description
LDWS (Lane Departure Warning)	Detects the lane departure via the real-time video and warns the driver.
LDWS Speed	Detects lane departure and warns the driver when the speed of the vehicle goes over the speed selected in the settings.
FCWS (Forward Collision Warning)	Detects forward collision threats via the real-time video and warns the driver when the vehicle is moving at 40 km/h or above.
Low Speed FCWS	Detects forward collision threats via real-time video and warns the driver when the vehicle is moving at 10-30 km/h.
FVDW (Front Vehicle Departure Warning)	Detects the departure of another vehicle that was previously stationary in front of the vehicle and notifies the driver after four seconds.

• Road safety features are performed differently depending on the set speed and sensitivity of the features.

 To use and manage the road safety features, tap Dash Cam settings > Road Safety Settings on the mobile viewer. For more information about road safety features settings, refer to "7.4 Setting road safety features" on page 29.

4. Using the mobile viewer

You can view and manage recorded videos and configure various product features on your smartphone.



- One of the following environments is required to use the **THINKWARE DASH CAM LINK** application: Android 7.0 (Nougat) or higher
 - iOS 13 or higher

4.1 Connect the product to a smartphone

- 1 On your smartphone, open the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and download and install THINKWARE DASH CAM LINK.
- 2 Run THINKWARE DASH CAM LINK.
- **3** Tap **Dash cam connection is required.** at the bottom of the screen and follow the on-screen instructions to connect the product to a smartphone.

4.2 Viewing the mobile viewer screen layout

The following is the screen layout for the mobile viewer.



5. Using THINKWARE CONNECTED

When using parking mode, you can check vehicle status notifications, such as Live View, parking impact notifications, the vehicle voltage status, the dash cam power status, vehicle battery status, and the recent parking location on the **THINKWARE CONNECTED** application depending on your service plan.

- One of the following environments is required to use the THINKWARE CONNECTED application:
 - Android 7.0 (Nougat) or higher
 - iOS 11.4 or higher
 - The services and features provided by **THINKWARE CONNECTED** application may be changed according to the service policy. Refer to the THINKWARE website (https://www.thinkware.com) for more information.
 - To use the **THINKWARE CONNECTED** application, the dash cam needs to be connected to the internet in the **THINKWARE DASH CAM LINK** application.

• The THINKWARE CONNECTED features are not available in the following Parking recording modes:

- Energy Saving

- Radar
- Connecting the dash cam to a mobile hotspot device or a Wi-Fi network with internet access will consume data. Carrier/Service Provider charges may apply.
- The smartphone used to set up the internet connection on the dash cam cannot also be used as a mobile hotspot for the dash cam. A different hotspot device/smartphone is required.
- To connect the dash cam to the internet, use the **THINKWARE DASH CAM LINK** application. Once the dash cam is connected to the internet, you can go to the **THINKWARE CONNECTED** application to get access to the **THINKWARE CONNECTED** features.
- Status of the vehicle while driving/parking
- Vehicle battery voltage status
- Dash cam power off
- Driving history
- SOS notification, recorded video backup, and SMS transmission
- Driving impact notification, video backup, and SMS transmission
- Parking impact notification and recorded video backup
- · Download and share the event location and recorded video
- The captured image of the front camera during the most recent parking
- Real-time vehicle location
- Remote live view



5.1 Connecting the product to THINKWARE CONNECTED

1 On your smartphone, open the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and download and install **THINKWARE CONNECTED**.



2 Run THINKWARE CONNECTED and tap Sign In on your smartphone.

You need a THINKWARE ID to use **THINKWARE CONNECTED**. If you don't have an ID, tap **Sign Up** and sign up for a THINKWARE membership.

3 After you sign in, follow the app's instructions. Tap **Register a Device**, and enter a barcode number to register a product.

6. Using the PC viewer

You can view and manage the recorded videos and configure various product features on your PC.

6.1 System requirements

The following are the system requirements for running the PC viewer.

- Processor: Intel Core i5, or higher
- Memory: 4 GB or more
- Operating system: Windows 7 or later (64-bit is recommended), Mac OS X 10.10 or later
- Other: DirectX 9.0 or higher / Microsoft Explorer version 7.0 or higher



The PC viewer will not operate properly on PC systems running an operating system other than those listed in the system requirements.

6.2 Learning about the PC viewer

6.2.1 Downloading the PC viewer

You can download the latest PC viewer software from the THINKWARE website.

- 1 On your PC, open a web browser and go to https://www.thinkware.com/Support/Download.
- 2 Select a model name.
- **3** Click **Select OS** to select your OS, then click **DOWNLOAD**.
 - The new PC viewer for Mac can be downloaded from the Apple App Store without visiting the THINKWARE website. Search for "Thinkware Dashcam Viewer" in the Apple App Store.
 - If you are using Mac OS X 10.13 or earlier, you can only download the PC viewer from the website.

6.2.2 Installing the PC viewer

The PC viewer installation file (setup.exe) is stored in the root folder of the memory card that is provided with the product. Follow the instructions to install the PC viewer on your PC.

- 1 Insert the memory card into a memory card reader connected to your PC.
- 2 Move the installation file to the desktop, run it, and complete the installation according to the instructions given in the installation wizard.
 After the installation is complete, there will be a shortcut icon to Thickware Deshcam Viewer.

After the installation is complete, there will be a shortcut icon to Thinkware Dashcam Viewer.

6.2.3 PC viewer screen layout

The following provides brief information about the PC viewer's screen layout.



Number	Description		
0	Open a file, or save a video with a different name.		
2	Visit the THINKWARE website.		
3	View or configure the dashcam settings, and set the language for the PC viewer.		
4	Display the current video in full screen. Tap the Back (📧) button to return to the previous screen.		
6	Switch between the front and rear videos.		
6	Minimize, expand, or close the software.		
0	Displays the rear camera video file name.		
8	Displays the recorded rear camera video.		
9	Display the map screen.		
0	Displays the playlist.		
0	Indicates the G sensor value at the time of recording.		
12	Indicates the vehicle's driving speed at the time of recording.		
(3)	Displays the current and total running time of the current video.		
14	Displays the progress of video playback.		
()	Play or control a video.		
•	Displays the recorded front camera video.		
Ū	Displays the front camera video file name.		

6.2.4 Playing recorded videos on the PC viewer

Follow the instructions to play recorded videos.

- 1 Turn off the product and remove the memory card.
- 2 Insert the memory card into a memory card reader connected to your PC.
- 3 Double-click the shortcut to the PC viewer () to open the program. The video files in the memory card will be automatically added to the playlist in the bottom-right corner of the PC viewer screen. The playlist section layout is as follows.

Playlist	Continuous 🔻		Select a folder.
All	Front	Rear	
Fil	e Name	File Size	
REC_20	F	198.00mb	-
REC_20	_F	198.00mb	
REC_20		198.00mb	
REC_20	ĿF	198.00mb	
REC_20		198.00mb	
REC_20	_F	198.00mb	Displays a list of videos
REC_20		198.00mb	in the selected folder.
REC_20	_F	198.00mb	
REC_20		198.00mb	
REC_20	_F	198.00mb	
REC_20	_F	198.00mb 💂	

4 Double-click a video file after selecting a video folder, or click the Play (►) button after selecting a video file. The selected video file will be played.

If the video files on the memory card are not automatically added to the playlist when you run the PC viewer, click File ▼ > Open, select the removable storage device for the memory card, and click Confirm.

7. Settings

You can set the product features according to your needs and preferences using the mobile viewer or the PC viewer. The following procedures are based on the mobile viewer.



The product will stop recording while configuring settings on the mobile viewer.

7.1 Managing the memory card

From the mobile viewer, tap **Dash Cam settings > Memory Card Settings** to manage the memory card settings.

Options	Description
Memory Partition	Select from Continuous Priority/Incident Priority/Parking Priority/Manual Priority/ Driving Recording Only for the memory partition type.
Formatting Memory Card	In Formatting Memory Card, tap Format > OK to proceed with formatting the memory card.
Overwrite Videos	Select the desired modes to allow video overwriting.

7.2 Setting the Camera

From the mobile viewer, tap **Dash Cam settings > Camera Settings** to adjust the camera settings.

Options	Description
Brightness-front	Select from Dark/Mid/Bright for the brightness of the front camera.
Channel Setting	Select from 1-channel/ 2-channel to set recording cameras.

7.3 Setting recording features

From the mobile viewer, tap **Dash Cam settings > Record Settings** to manage the recording features settings.

Options	Description	
Continuous Mode Incident Recording Sensitivity	Select from Disabled/Lowest/Low/Mid/High for the sensitivity.	
Super Night Vision	Select from Disabled/Continuous Mode/Parking Mode/Continuous+Parking for the Super Night Vision feature.	
Set Privacy Recording	You can set the privacy recording feature to delete your recorded files after a set amount of time to protect the privacy of others. Select from OFF/1min (max. 2min)/3min (max. 4min)/G-Shock only for the privacy recording setting. If it is set to G-Shock only mode, then it is not consistently recorded.	
Voice Recording	Select from Enabled/Disabled for the voice recording.	
Parking Mode	Select from Disabled/Motion Detection/Time Lapse/Energy Saving for the parking mode.	
Parking Mode Waiting Time	Select from 30 sec./1 min./2 min./3 min./4 min./5 min. for the parking mode waiting time (time to switch to parking mode).	
Smart Parking Recording	Select from Enabled/Disabled.	
Impact Sensitivity in Parking Mode	Select one of the five parking mode sensitivity levels.	
Motion Detection Sensitivity	Select one of the five motion detection sensitivity levels.	
Off Timer	Select the desired record time. To turn off the record timer, select Disabled .	
Battery Protection	Select from Enabled/Disabled for the battery protection.	
Vehicle Type	Select from Regular car/Hybrid car/Electric car for the vehicle type.	
Battery cutoff voltage	Select from 12V (11.6~13.2V)/24V (23.2-24.6) for the battery cutoff voltage.	
Wintertime Battery Protection	Select the month(s) to apply the battery protection feature.	

• To use parking mode, you must install the hardwiring cable. If continuous power is not supplied to the product, the product will stop recording when the vehicle engine is turned off.

• The vehicle battery will not be charged while the vehicle is parked. If you record in parking mode for an extended period, the vehicle's battery may be depleted and you may not be able to start the vehicle.

• For more information about parking mode, refer to "3.6 Using parking mode" on page 19.

- The battery cutoff voltage can be set only when the Battery Protection setting is set to Enabled.
- If the off voltage value is too low, the product may consume the battery completely depending on the conditions like the vehicle type or temperature.

7.4 Setting road safety features

From the mobile viewer, tap **Dash Cam settings > Road Safety Settings** to manage the road safety features settings.

Options	Description
Safety Cameras	Select from Enabled/Disabled for the safety cameras.
Mobile Zone Alert	Select from Enabled/Disabled for the mobile zone alert.
Vehicle Type	Select the vehicle type from Sedan/SUV/Truck (Bus).
Initialize ADAS	In Initialize ADAS, tap Initialize > OK to proceed with initializing.
LDWS (Lane Departure Warning)	Select from Disabled/Low/Mid/High for the LDWS sensitivity.
LDWS Speed	Select from 50km/h / 60km/h / 80km/h / 100km/h for the LDWS detection speed.
FCWS (Forward Collision Warning)	Select from Disabled/Low/Mid/High for the sensitivity.
Low Speed FCWS	Select from Disabled/Low/Mid/High for the sensitivity.
FVDW (Front Vehicle Departure Warning)	Select from Enabled/Disabled for the FVDW feature.

7.5 Configuring the system settings

From the mobile viewer, tap **Dash Cam Settings > System Settings** to configure the hardware system settings.

Options	Description	
Language	Select the desired language.	
Volume	Select the desired volume level for each feature (Safety Cameras/ADAS/System).	
Security LED	Select the desired mode to use the security LED.	
Time Zone	Select the date and time.	
Daylight Saving	Select from Enabled/Disabled for the daylight saving.	
Speed Unit	Select from km/h/mph for the speed unit.	
Speed Stamp	Select from Enabled/Disabled for the speed stamp.	
Internet	Select from Enabled/Disabled for Internet mode.	

If you select **0** for the volume level, the voice guidance will be disabled.

8. Upgrading the firmware

A firmware upgrade is provided to enhance the product's features, operation or to increase stability. For optimal operation of the product, ensure that you keep the firmware up to date.

Follow the instructions to upgrade the firmware.

- 1 On your PC, open a web browser and go to https://www.thinkware.com/Support/Download.
- 2 Select the product and download the latest firmware upgrade file.
- **3** Unzip the downloaded file.
- **4** Disconnect power to the product and remove the memory card.
- **5** Open the memory card on a PC and copy the firmware upgrade file to the root folder of the memory card.
- 6 While the power is disconnected from the product, insert the memory card into the memory card slot on the product.
- 7 Connect the power cable to the product, and then turn on the power (ACC ON) or start the engine to turn on the product. The firmware upgrade starts automatically, and the system will restart once the firmware update is completed.

Do not disconnect the power or remove the memory card from the product during the upgrade. Doing so may cause serious damage to the product, or to the data stored in the memory card.

 You can also update the firmware from the mobile viewer and the PC viewer. A notification pop-up will be displayed on the PC Viewer screen when a new update file becomes available.

9. Troubleshooting

The following table lists the problems users may encounter while using the product and measures to resolve them. If the problem persists after taking the measures provided in the table, contact the customer service center.

Problems	Solution	
Cannot power on the product	• Make sure the power cable (the hardwiring cable or the optional car charger) is connected to the vehicle and the product properly.	
	Check the vehicle's battery level.	
The voice guide and/or buzzer do not sound.	Check if the volume is set to the minimum.	
The video is unclear or hardly visible.	• Ensure that the protective film on the camera lens has been removed. The video may look unclear if the protective film is still on the camera lens.	
	• Check the installation location of the front camera, turn on the product, and then adjust the camera's viewing angle.	
The memory card cannot be recognized.	• Ensure that the memory card has been inserted in the correct direction. Before inserting the memory card, ensure that the metal contacts on the memory card are facing toward the lens of the product.	
	• Turn off the power, remove the memory card, and then check to ensure that the contacts in the memory card slot are not damaged.	
	• Ensure that the memory card is an authentic product distributed by THINKWARE. THINKWARE does not guarantee compatibility and normal operation of third-party memory cards.	
The recorded video cannot be played on a PC.	The recorded videos are stored as MP4 video files. Ensure that the video player installed on your PC supports the playback of MP4 video files.	
GPS signal cannot be received.	The GPS signal may not be received in out-of-service areas, or if the product located between tall buildings. Also, GPS signal reception may not be availad during storms or heavy rain. Try again on a clear day at a location that is known to have a good GPS reception. It may take up to 5 minutes until GPS receptive established.	

Before contacting a service center

Please back up all important data stored in the memory card. The data in the memory card may be deleted during repair. Every product requested for repair is regarded as a device that has had its data backed up. The customer service center does not back up your data. THINKWARE is not responsible for any loss, such as data loss.

10. Specifications

To see the product specifications, refer to the following table.

ltem	Specification	Remarks	
Model name	Q850	Rear Camera: BCFH-80U (optional)	
Dimensions	Front : 107 x 60.5 x 30 mm	Rear Camera: BCFH-80U: 79.3 x 36.9 x 31.9 mm	
Memory	microSD memory card	32 GB, 64 GB, 128 GB, 256 GB	
Camera sensor	5.14 Megapixel, 1/2.8"		
Angle of view (Lens)	Approximately 124° (diagonally)		
Video	Front: QHD (2560 x 1440 @30fps) / H.264 / MP4	Option: FHD (1920 x 1080 @30fps) / H.264 / MP4	
Recording mode	Continuous Rec, Incident Rec, Manual Rec, SOS Rec, Parking Rec (parking mode)		
Features	Super Night Vision (front only), Privacy Recording, Smart Parking Recording, Battery Protection, Thermal Protection		
Acceleration sensor	3-axis acceleration sensor (3D, ±3G)	5 levels for sensitivity adjustment available	
GPS	Embedded GPS	Supports ADAS features (LDWS, LDWS Speed, FCWS, Low Speed FCWS, FVDW)	
GNSS	GPS/GLONASS		
Bluetooth	Standard	Bluetooth V5.0, BLE	
	Frequency	2.402 MHz – 2.480 MHz	
Wi-Fi	Standard	2.4G (802.11 b/g/n)	
	Frequency	2.400 GHz – 2.483.5 GHz	
Power input	DC 12 / 24 V ==== supported	Rear Camera (BCFH-80U): DC 5 V === supported	
Power consumption	2ch: 4.7 W / 1ch: 3.3 W (mean)	Except for the fully charged supercapacitor / GPS Actual power consumption may vary depending on the usage conditions and environment.	
Auxiliary power unit	Super capacitor		
LED indicator	Security LED, REC LED, GPS LED, Connection LED		
Alarm	Built-in speakers	Voice guide (buzzer sounds)	
Operating temperature	14 – 140°F / -10 – 60°C		
Storage temperature	-4 – 158°F / -20 – 70°C		

FCC Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- This appliance and its antenna must not be co-located or operation in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
- A minimum separation distance of 20cm must be maintained between the antenna and the person for this appliance to satisfy the RF exposure requirements.

FCC CAUTION: Any changes or modifications to the equipment not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void your authority to operate the equipment.

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Information to user : RSS-247

This equipment complies with IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20 cm between the radiator & your body.

This device contains licence-exempt transmitter(s)/receiver(s) that comply with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's licence-exempt RSS(s).

Please be cautioned the changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice: Operation is subject to the following two conditions : (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet quipement est conforme avec les limites d'exposition aux radiations tablies par IC pour un environnement non contrl. Cet quipement doit tre install et utilis une distance minimale de 20 cm entre le radiateur et votre corps.

Le prsent appareil est conforme aux RSS (RSS) d'Innovation, Sciences et Dveloppement conomique Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence.

Soyez aviss que tout changement ou toute modification l'quipement qui n'a pas fait l'objet d'une autorisation expresse par la partie responsable d'assurer sa conformit pourrait annuler le droit de l'utilisateur utiliser l'quipement.

Avis : L'exploitation est autorise aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radiolectrique subi, mme si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Cet appareil numrique de classe B est conforme la norme canadienne NMB-003.

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