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## Mash (DVD) Review

By Britt Gillette

Based on a Richard Hooker novel of the same name, MASH was released in 1970 as a full-length

feature film by 20th Century Fox before experiencing widespread success as a groundbreaking television sitcom in the Fall of 1972. The show's brilliant integration of drama and comedy made it one of the most celebrated shows in TV history, culminating in an eleven year prime time series stint. The 1983 series finale of MASH made history as the program with the single largest audience in television history, beating out several SuperBowls and the fabled "Who Shot J.R." episode of Dallas. With the proliferation of new television mediums, it's a record likely to never be broken...

The sitcom is set in South Korea during American involvement in the Korea War (with M\*A\*S\*H standing for "Mobile Army Surgical Hospital"). Buffered from the front lines by a mountain range and a minefield, the men and women of MASH were tasked with patching up wounded American soldiers. Unique to its genre, the cast of MASH was unusually large. Surgeons Dr. Benjamin Pierce (Alan Alda) and Dr. "Trapper" John McIntyre (Wayne Rogers) play the roles of excellent doctors who enjoy women and booze, while Dr. Frank Burns (Larry Linville) and Nurse Practitioner Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan (Loretta Swit) play foil to the two men's shenanigans (due to a contract dispute, Rogers' character was later replaced by Dr. B.J. Hunnicutt – played by Mike Farrell). The character of Frank Burns was also later replaced by Dr. Charles Emerson Winchester (David Ogden Stiers)...

Corporal Max Klinger (Jamie Farr) provides comic relief with his early attempts to procure a discharge by dressing in women's clothing, and Father Francis Mulcahy (William Christopher) adds flavor to a diverse cast of characters. Also rounding out the cast are Lt. Col. Henry Blake (McLean Stevenson), Corporal Walter "Radar" O'Reilly (Gary Burghoff), and Col. Sherman Potter (Harry Morgan)...

The MASH DVD offers a number of hilarious episodes including the series premiere in which Hawkeye Pierce and Trapper John McIntyre learn that their houseboy, Ho-John, got accepted to Hawkeye's alma mater. In order to raise money for Ho-John's trip to the United States, the two auction off a weekend pass to Tokyo with Nurse Dish and celebrate the college acceptance with a lavish party... Other notable episodes from Season 1 include "The Moose" in which a GI arrives at camp with a Korean female slave he purchased, and "Cease-Fire" in which the MASH camp prematurely celebrates a purported cease-fire which never takes place...

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Below is a list of episodes included on the MASH (Season 1) DVD:

Episode 1 (The Pilot) Air Date: 09-17-1972 Episode 2 (To Market, to Market) Air Date: 09-24-1972  
Episode 3 (Requiem for a Lightweight) Air Date: 10-01-1972 Episode 4 (Chief Surgeon Who?) Air  
Date: 10-08-1972 Episode 5 (The Moose) Air Date: 10-15-1972 Episode 6 (Yankee Doodle Doctor)  
Air Date: 10-22-1972 Episode 7 (Bananas, Crackers, and Nuts) Air Date: 11-05-1972 Episode 8  
(Cowboy) Air Date: 11-12-1972 Episode 9 (Henry, Please Come Home) Air Date: 11-19-1972  
Episode 10 (I Hate a Mystery) Air Date: 11-26-1972 Episode 11 (Germ Warfare) Air Date: 12-10-1972  
Episode 12 (Dear Dad) Air Date: 12-17-1972 Episode 13 (Edwina) Air Date: 12-24-1972 Episode 14  
(Love Story) Air Date: 01-07-1973 Episode 15 (Tuttle) Air Date: 01-14-1973 Episode 16 (The  
Ringbanger) Air Date: 01-21-1973 Episode 17 (Sometimes You Hear the Bullet) Air Date: 01-28-1973

Episode 18 (Dear Dad, Again) Air Date: 02-04-1973 Episode 19 (The Long-John Flap) Air Date:  
02-17-1973 Episode 20 (The Army-Navy Game) Air Date: 02-25-1973 Episode 21 (Sticky Wicket) Air  
Date: 03-04-1973 Episode 22 (Major Fred C. Dobbs) Air Date: 03-11-1973 Episode 23 (Cease-Fire)  
Air Date: 03-18-1973 Episode 24 (Showtime) Air Date: 03-25-1973

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### **Recordable DVD formats explained**

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Picking your way through the ton of information available on recordable DVD formats can be a nightmare. To help you out, we've done our best to distill it into this summary.

There are five recordable versions of DVD; DVD-R for General, DVD-R for Authoring, DVD-RAM, DVD-RW, and DVD+RW. None of the formats is fully compatible with the other although there are drives which will read, and in some cases write to more than one format.

DVD-R for General and DVD-R for Authoring are essentially DVD versions of CD-R. And DVD-RW is a DVD version of CD-RW. All three formats can be read in standard DVD-ROM drives and in most DVD video players. The difference between DVD-R for General and DVD-R for Authoring is that DVD-R for General is a format intended for widespread consumer use and doesn't support 'professional' features such as piracy protection or duplication in mass duplicators. The Pioneer DVD-RW drive which is the most popular PC device for writing to DVD uses the DVD for General format. And as as

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the case with CD, DVD-RW is essentially the same as DVD-R except that it can be erased and written to again and again.

DVD-RAM is slightly different as it is a sector based disc which mounts on the desktop of a PC when inserted into a drive. Files can then be copied to it in the same way as any other mounted media. Some single-sided DVD-RAM discs can be removed from their caddy and inserted in a DVD-ROM drive which will then be able to read the content of the disc.

There are DVD video recorders which use the DVD-RAM format. This enables them to pull off clever tricks like timeshifting - where you can watch the beginning of a programme you have recorded while you are still recording the end on the same disc.

DVD+RW is the newest format and not supported by the DVD Forum, the body which sets the standards for DVD. However, it is supported by some of the biggest electronics and computer manufacturers, and is therefore likely to stick around.

It is also the format used by Philips in its DVD video recorders. Despite not being authorised by the DVD Forum, DVD+RW is claimed by its supporters to be compatible with more DVD video players than DVD-R and DVD+RW writers are found in PCs from quite a few manufacturers.

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