

Canon Vixia Camera

Import Video for Editing in iMovie



For best results, video captured using the Canon Vixia camera should be imported using video editing software such as iMovie or Final Cut Pro. The computer may not be able to read video files copied directly from the camera. This tutorial will guide you through the steps for importing videos from the Canon Vixia into an **iMovie** library.

1. Open the camera's LCD screen. Connect one end of the provided USB cable to the USB port on the camera's control panel. Connect the other end of the USB cable to the computer's USB port.

2. Make sure the camera is turned on, then press the play button on the camera's control panel to toggle playback mode.



3. On the computer, connect an external drive. Launch **iMovie** by clicking its icon  on the dock. If you have not set up an iMovie library on your external drive, follow the steps outlined in the Quick Reference *iMovie — Project Management* to create a new library on the external drive.

4. In the LIBRARIES menu on the left, select the event in which you would like to import the clips. *Make sure the event you select is in your external drive's library.* Click the **Import** button at the top to open the Import window.



5. In the Cameras menu, select the **Canon** camera.

- To import all clips from the camera, click **Import All** on the bottom of the Import window.
- To import a selection of clips, hold down the shift key while clicking on the clips you want to import. When you are finished selecting clips, click **Import Selected** on the bottom of the Import window.

Import Selected

6. A status icon will appear on the top-right corner of the iMovie window to indicate the progress of the import. When the import is complete, your clips will appear in the **My Media** tab.

My Media

Audio

Titles

Backgrounds

Transitions

7. Disconnect the USB cable from the camera and computer. *Do not begin editing your video files until you have disconnected the camera from the computer.*

Note: If you have already imported video files from the Canon Vixia camera using an alternate method, the files will need to be converted before opening them in iMovie.

Use **iSkysoft**  to convert **.MTS** files to **.MOV** files. For the highest-quality video (Apple ProRes 422 codec), select the **Final Cut Pro 7** setting under **Editing** in iSkysoft.