Video captured using the Canon Vixia Camera must 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 Camera into an iMovie library.

1. Make sure the Canon Vixia Camera is powered off before connecting to the computer. Open the camera’s LCD screen. Connect 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. Turn on the camera. Press the upper-right button on the camera’s control panel to toggle to play mode. On the camera’s LCD screen, tap on Built-in Mem.

3. On the computer, connect an external drive. Launch iMovie by clicking the icon on the dock. If you have not set up an iMovie library on your external drive, follow step 1 in the Quick Reference iMovie – Project Management to create a new library on the external drive.

4. In the Libraries menu, select the event where 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 of the main iMovie window. This will 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 only certain clips, hold down the shift key while selecting the clips you want to import. When you are done selecting the clips you want, click Import Selected on the bottom of the Import window.

6. A status icon will appear on the top-right corner of the main iMovie window to indicate the progress of the import. When the import process is complete, a message will appear on the top-right corner. Click Eject to properly eject the camera.

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

Note: If you already imported videos from the Canon Vixia Camera by dragging and dropping them, the files will not open in iMovie and need to be converted. To convert the files, locate the MTS files, and use iSkysoft to convert them to MOV files. For the highest-quality video (Apple ProRes 422 codec), select the Final Cut Pro 7 setting under Editing.