Canon Vixia Camera

Import Video for Editing in iMovie

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.

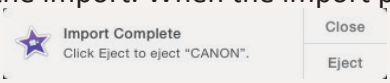
2. Turn on the camera. Press the upper-right button on the camera's control panel to toggle to play mode. On the camera's LCD screen, tap on **Built-in Mem.**

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**.