

Elgato Video Capture & VHS-C Cassette Adapter Instructions



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Getting Started:

Elgato Video Capture enables VHS/DVD transfer, meaning that it is designed to convert your personal VHS tapes to digital files and DVD discs. It is not designed to convert commercial VHS tapes to DVDs. **Copying video that does not belong to you is illegal.** Please note this device has been tested for use with Windows only and may not work with Apple products or other operating systems.

The VHS-C Cassette Adapter allows you to play VHS-C and Super VHS-C videocassettes in a standard VHS VCR. It is not designed to adapt MiniDV, Hi8, Digital 8, or 8mm tapes.

You will need:

- A VCR player
- A computer or laptop
- A VHS or a VHS-C tape
- Storage space
 - If you do not have enough space on your PC, you can purchase DVD discs or USB flash drives from stores like Amazon, Target, Walmart, OfficeMax, or Best Buy.
 - DVD-R is a one-time recordable disc. DVD-RAM, DVD-RW, and DVD+RW are discs that can be rewriteable.
 - Alternatively, you can upload your finished product to the Cloud (e.g., Google Drive or Dropbox).
- The Elgato video software – download here (make sure to select the product **Capture – Video Capture**): <https://www.elgato.com/us/en/s/downloads>

The software requires 93 MB of space on the hard drive. This chart outlines the space you will need to be able to save:

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| • 10 minutes: 178 MB | • 90 minutes: 1.6 GB |
| • 20 minutes: 535 MB | • 120 minutes: 2.1 GB |
| • 60 minutes: 1 GB | • 180 minutes: 3.1 GB |

What you can do with Elgato Video Capture & VHS-C Cassette Adapter:

- Play your home movies recorded on VHS-C in a standard VCR player.
- Transfer your home movies recorded on VHS or VHS-C to DVD or digital so that they can be viewed on modern playback devices.
- After digitization, you can edit your videos using programs like iMovie, Windows Live Movie Maker, and others.
- Digitized videos can be uploaded to YouTube, added to your Windows Media Player Library, or played on your computer.

Prepare the Hardware – VCR Player:

1. Locate the RCA cable; this is the black cord with red, yellow, and white plugs on either side.
2. Make sure that the yellow and white cables are plugged into the corresponding ports on a VHS player. Typically labelled as “Audio Out” & “Video Out”.



- The red cable is considered a “back-up” cable for audio. If there is not a red audio connector on the back of your VCR, then leave the red unplugged (as seen in picture above).

3. Plug the other end of the RCA cables into the Elgato Video Capture device.



4. Plug the USB cable into your computer's USB port.



Prepare the Hardware – Cassette Adapter*:

Only needed if using a VHS-C tape

1. Remove the adapter from its cardboard sleeve.



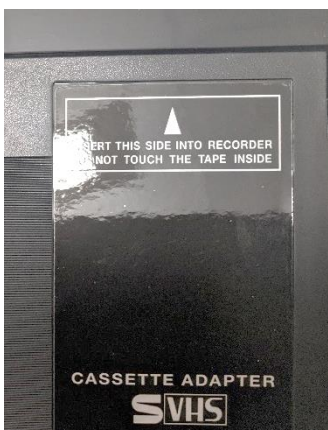
2. Make sure that an AA battery (NOT provided) is installed. On the left side of the adapter, slide the battery cover upward with your fingers and insert a battery – make sure to replace the cover before use.

3. On the front of the adapter, slide the notch in the bottom left corner to the right. The adapter's motorized door will open.



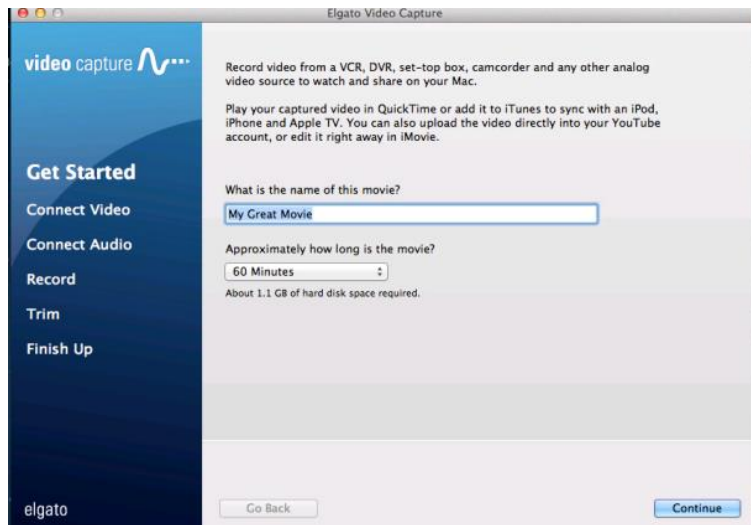
4. Place your VHS-C tape inside the adapter and gently close the door. The motorized arms will move back into place.

5. Insert the adapter into the VHS player by following the instructions on the sticker.



Prepare the Software/Record the Video/Save:

1. Open the Elgato Video Capture software.
2. Follow the guided instructions on the program software. Name your movie and choose the approximate length.



3. Click "Continue".
4. You will be prompted to Connect Video. At this point, press "Power" on the VCR to turn it on. Insert the VHS or VHS-C (in adapter) tape, wait a few seconds for the tape to catch, and then press "Play".
5. Choose your preferred Aspect Ratio. For older VHS tapes, you will most likely use 4:3.



6. Click "Continue".
7. You will be prompted to Connect Audio. Ensure that you can both see the video on the computer and hear the audio of the VHS tape playing through your computer's speakers.



8. Click "Continue".
9. At this point press "Stop" on the VCR and then "Rewind" to get the tape back to the starting point. Press "Play" and then click "Start Recording" when the video begins.



- The length of time to digitize will be the same amount of time on your VHS/VHS-C tape. If the tape is 2 hours long then it will take 2 hours to digitize.

10. Once complete, you can trim the footage to get rid of any of the leader tape (the empty gaps at the beginning and the end before the video starts/ends).



The bottom arrows indicate the trimmed section. You can move these arrows by using click, hold and drag or you can click on an arrow and use the arrow keys on your keyboard – this is useful to be able to trim it down by seconds.

11. The message “Your movie was saved successfully” will appear and show you where the file is saved to.



12. Click “Quit” when done.

13. On your VCR, you can press “Rewind” if you want to rewind the tape back to the beginning.

14. Press “Stop/Eject” once to stop the tape then “Stop/Eject” again to eject it. Remove your VHS/VHS-C tape from the player. Press “Power” to turn off the VCR.

Transfer Files

To a DVD Disc:

1. Insert a DVD disc (DVD-R or DVD-RW) into the computer's DVD drive.
 - If your computer does not have a CD/DVD drive – the library has one that is available for checkout.
2. Use the disc burning software of your choice to begin burning.
 - You can burn your videos using programs like iMovie, Windows Live Movie Maker, and others.
3. Once you start the burning process, your video footage will begin to transfer to the disc.
4. Once the transfer is completed, the DVD drive on the computer will pop open.

To a USB Drive:

1. Insert a USB drive into the computer.
2. Open My Computer and find your USB name in the left-hand menu.
3. Open the folder where you saved the original video file.
4. Find the video file and click, hold and drag it to your USB on the My Computer screen.

To a Google Drive or Dropbox:

1. Open up an Internet browser and log into your account at drive.google.com or www.dropbox.com
2. Both Google Drive and Dropbox have an 'upload' option that you can use to upload your video from your computer.

More Information:

These instructions have been curated from the Elgato Video Capture Manual and based on original instructions with kind permission from North Shore Library. The Manual is also provided for your reference.