Roxio Easy VHS to DVD
Video Conversion

Introduction: Using a composite interface, we can convert video sources to a digital format. The library provides a VCR and a VHS-C adapter for converting videos. However, if you provide your own video source utilizing the Yellow, White, Red composite cable, other video sources can be converted as well.

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Parts of the machine

Preparing the VCR

1. Check if your tape has been rewound. If so the right side should have an empty reel.

2. If using a VHS-C, open the adapter with the switch on the bottom left.

3. Insert the tape into the opening of the adapter.

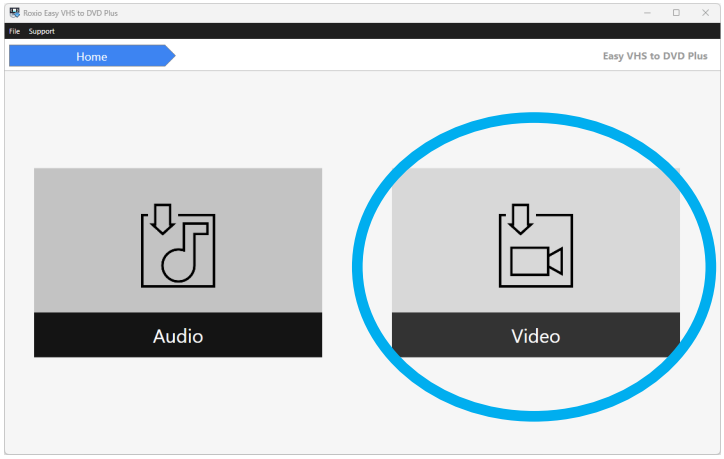
4. Close the lid. Ensure the cover closes. You should hear the adapter adjusting itself with a small mechanical sound.

5. Regardless of whether you use a VHS or VHS-C, insert your tape into the VCR. Rewind the tape if necessary.

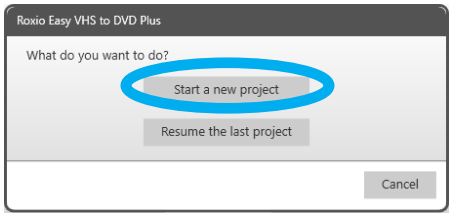
Converting a cassette

1. Open Roxio Easy VHS to DVD on the desktop.

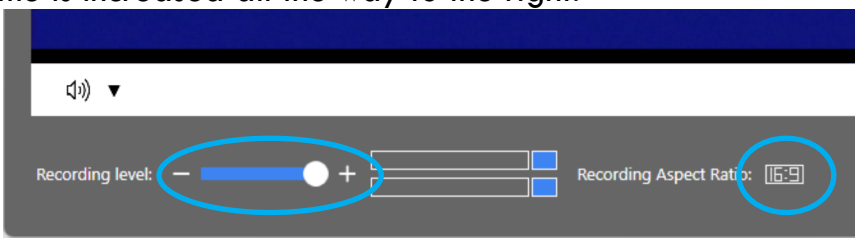
2. Select Video from the two options. (If you just want to record the audio from your VHS only, then you can choose Audio. It can not be used to record audio from another input device besides the VCR.)



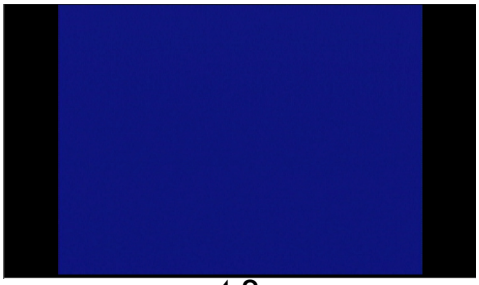
3. When asked about a project, choose Start a new project.



4. Ensure the volume is increased all the way to the right.



5. Set your aspect ratio to match. (Most home and TV based VHS will use the 4:3 ratio, while videos that were in widescreen such as movies may be in 16:9. Choosing the wrong ratio may cause your video to be stretched or squished from how it was intended to look.



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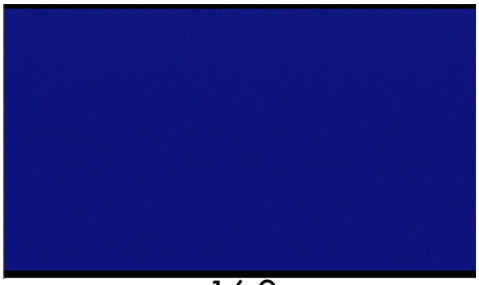
Full Screen
Home movies



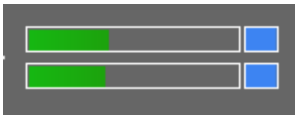
16:9
Widescreen
Professional videos

6. On the right sidebar you can give your video a name. This will change the file name to whatever you input here making it easy to keep track of various recordings. You can set the program to record for a specific amount of time, end the recording at the end of the tape, and you can choose the recording to skip blank sections longer than a determined length of time.

7. Once your settings are established, click the record button in the bottom right of the screen.

8. Press Play on the VCR.

9. The video should appear on the screen. You won't hear any sound, but if the green bars are moving, then sound is being recorded. Watch the video to ensure you're recording what you want.



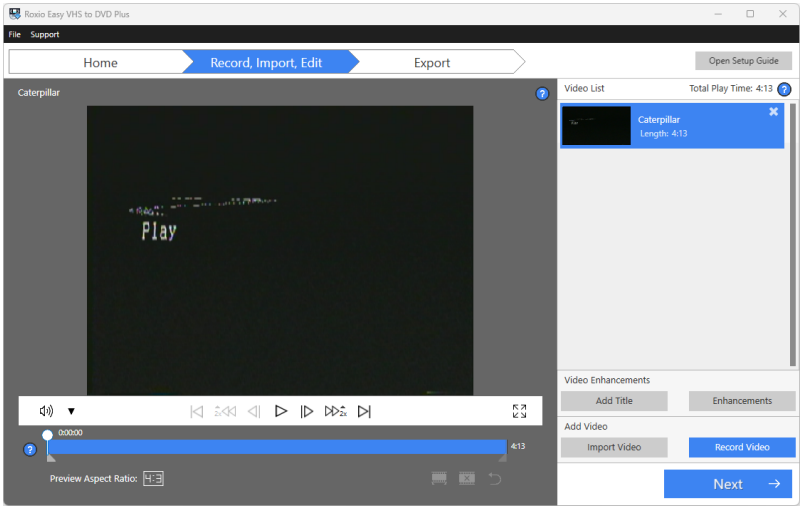
10. When your video has finished you can press stop on both the screen and the VCR to end the recording.

    a. If you find a portion you don't want to record, stop the recording on the computer only. The computer acts as a TV for the VCR so you can fast forward and find the next place you want to resume recording.

Trimming your video

There are options within the Roxio software to do basic video editing of trimming out portions you don't wish to keep. For significant edits, it is advised to use another video editing program like OpenShot or Adobe Premeire.

1. After you finish recording your video, a screen will appear showing the recorded video on the right.



2. The bar at the bottom of the screen has a slider. There is a cursor shown as a line with a white dot at the top. You can drag this left and right to change your position on the recording.

3. In the bottom row is a set of icons. The first of which lets you add trim markers. This will put small triangles on either side of the cursor at its current location.

4. Clicking one of these triangles will blacken out one section of the line going to either the next trim marker or the cursor itself.

5. You can have multiple trimmed sections if you want. But if you end up with one you don't want, click the delete trim marker icon to delete the selected point. Or you can click the clear all to remove all trim markers and start again.

Exporting your video

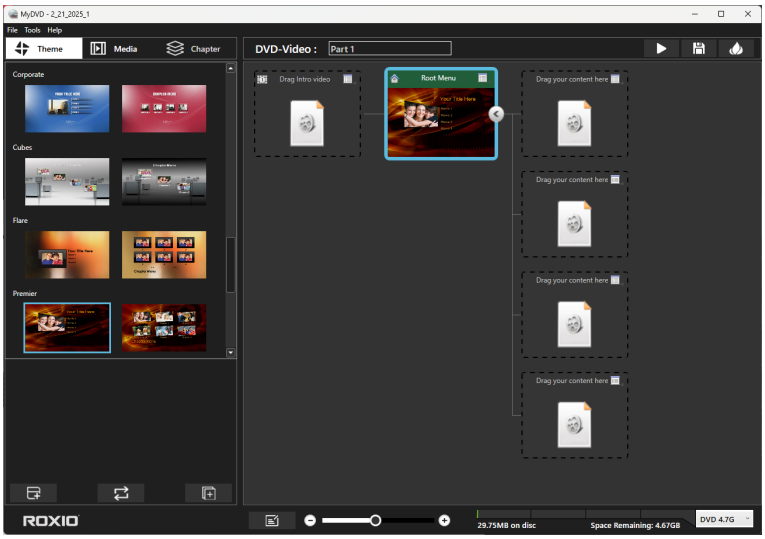
Once your video has been recorded, the files are stored on the computer in the "Captured Videos" folder on the desktop. If you made any edits to the video using trim markers, you will need to export your video with the following steps. Additionally, if you wish to burn your video to a DVD or Bluray disc, you need the following steps as well. However if the base recording is all you needed, the file can be copied directly to a flash drive, SD card, or cloud storage option of your choice.

a. **Note: If you are using a flash drive, ensure the formatting is in the NFTS format system or you won't be able to save large files to the flash drive.**

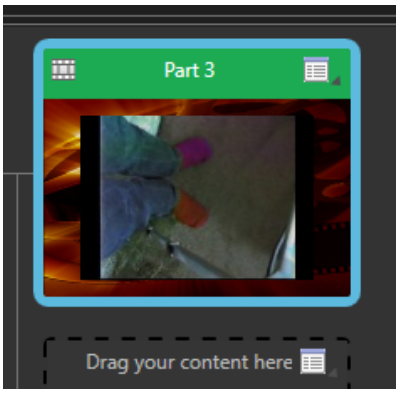
1. Click Roxio MyDVD on the desktop.

2. Insert a blank disc into the drive on the desk.

3. On the screen you should see a chart on the right side of the screen. There will be a document, then a menu screen, then a list of documents.



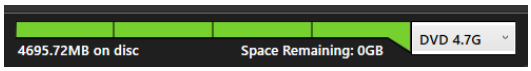
4. You drag a video file into any one of the document slots to add a video to the DVD. The one to the left of the menu is an intro video that will play before you get to the menu. Anything to the right of the menu will appear in order after the menu plays.



a. Note, you can change the look of the menu by using the options on the left sidebar.

5. At the top of the screen you can change the name of the disc so when it loads in your player, this name will appear at the top of the screen.

6. Check the bar at the bottom. This is the capacity for the disc. If the bar is green, you have enough space on the disc for your project. If it has turned red, you either need to use a bigger disc, or use a video editing program to divide your file into multiple files that can be burned across multiple discs.

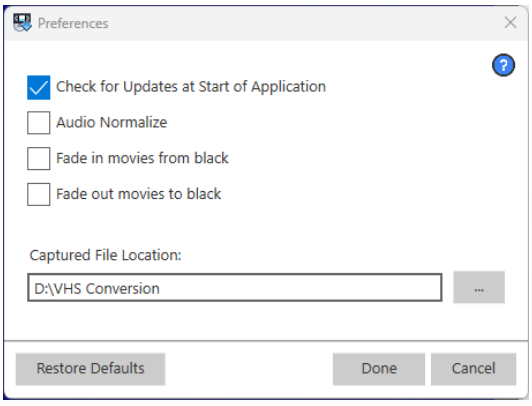


7. Once ready, click the Burn button in the top right of the screen.

8. You will get a progress bar pop up with your progress on burning the disc. Once it is done, the disc will automatically eject.

Changing the save location

By default the software will save your file to the "Captured Videos" folder on the computer. If you would like to directly save to your own device, you can follow these steps.

Note, a USB 3 device is recommended for this process as they typically can support the necessary speeds for data transfer.

1. Go to File > Preferences.
2. Here you can change the captured file location by clicking the … button and finding the location you wish to save your file to. Then click Done.