

# How To Use A DV (Digital Video) Bridge

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A DV-Bridge is a two-way converter. In addition to converting old-style (analog) video and audio into digital signals, the DV-Bridge can also convert digital video to analog signals. You can make VHS copies of your edited videos this way.

## Connecting & Using

The DV-Bridge is a paperback-book-size external converter. You'll be able to start making DVDs from any RCA or s-video input right out of the box. I simply connected the video and audio cables from the VCR to the Hollywood DV-Bridge, then plugged the DV-Bridge into my computer using a FireWire cable.

Digital video converters are needed because computers cannot work with old-style analog video. All signals have to be changed into digital form before they can be edited on a computer. The DV-Bridge works with any computer, PC or Macintosh, that has a FireWire connection. (FireWire is also called 1394 and iLink; they are the same.) All your computer needs is editing software and, of course, DVD-creation software.

The DV-Bridge does not use any of your computer's processing power to do its conversions, and therefore doesn't require a particularly fast computer. But you do need a lot of hard drive space to store the raw DV (digital video) files while you are making your DVDs. (Nine minutes of raw DV takes up 2 gigabytes of file space.)

Here are some great ways that you can use this device.

- Import some video game footage and over-dub the voices
- Digitize/edit all those old ministry videos shot on 8mm
- Re-sequence the videos from an interlinc MVL ([interlinc-online.com/mvl](http://interlinc-online.com/mvl))
- Import and edit the artist drop-ins to run through your computer
- Grab a DVD clip to illustrate a talk