

How to Connect a Camcorder to a DLL Computer

When you would need to do this: Sometimes a patron will bring in home video that is not compatible with our decks. For example, an s-VHS tape (about half the size of a VHS tape) without a VHS adapter cannot be used in our VHS deck, and we do not have a Hi-8 machine. In these cases, they will need to either bring in the actual camcorder they used to film the footage in order to capture the video.

What computer to use: If the camcorder has a Firewire (aka iLink, IEEE 1394, DV) port, then you can use any DLL station. If the camcorder does not have a Firewire port, but does have an AV Out or Component (yellow, white, and red ports right next to each other) connection, you will need to use one of the video capture stations.



To use Firewire: Most camcorders use a 4-pin (small) connector in order to save space on the camcorder. In this case, you can simply unplug the 4-pin cable from the back of the miniDV deck, then plug it into the camcorder to connect it to the computer.



To use Component:

If the camcorder has the actual full-sized ports as you see in the above picture:

1. Unplug the black-labeled wires from OUTPUT 2 on the Amplifier.

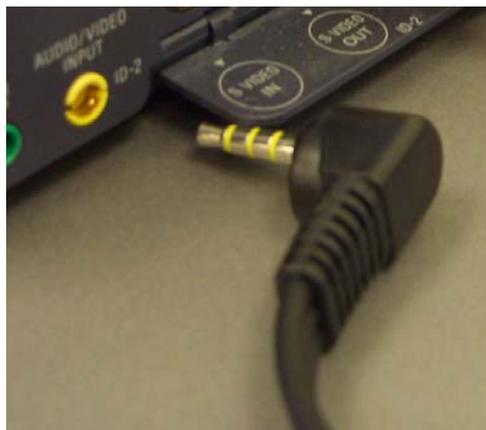


2. Plug them into the corresponding ports on the camcorder.



3. This will take the signal from the camcorder, run it through the DV/AV converter to make it a digital signal the computer can understand, then send it out into the computer through the Firewire connection at the front of the DV/AV Converter. You will need to follow the directions for Capturing Video from the DVD/VHS deck.
4. When you are finished, you will need to plug the wires back into OUTPUT 2 on the Amplifier.

If it doesn't have the full sized component ports, you will likely need the special cables that came with that particular camcorder in order to connect it to the computer by plugging it into the front of the DV/AV converter. If they do not have the wires, one work-around with this is to try to use the adapter wires that make up part of the Orange-labeled wires on the miniDV deck.

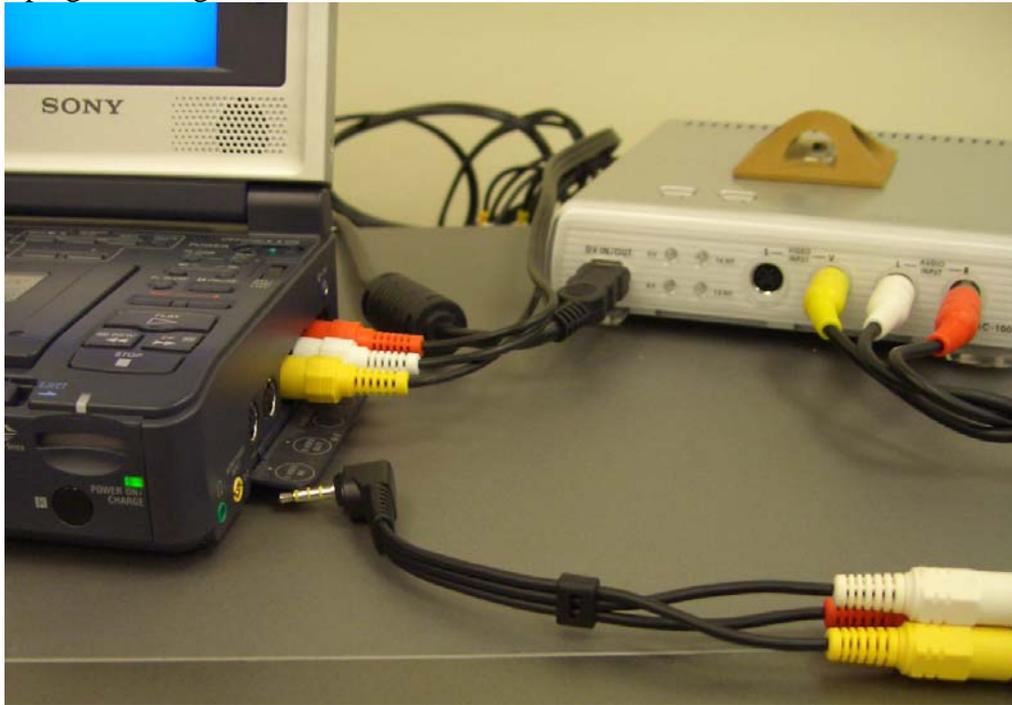


Two Caveats:

- 1) the port should look like the port on the miniDV deck (see above image), and be labeled "AV-OUT" or "audio/video output".
- 2) It may damage the camcorder to try this. Try it at your own risk.

The Steps:

1. Unplug the orange-labeled wire from the miniDV deck.



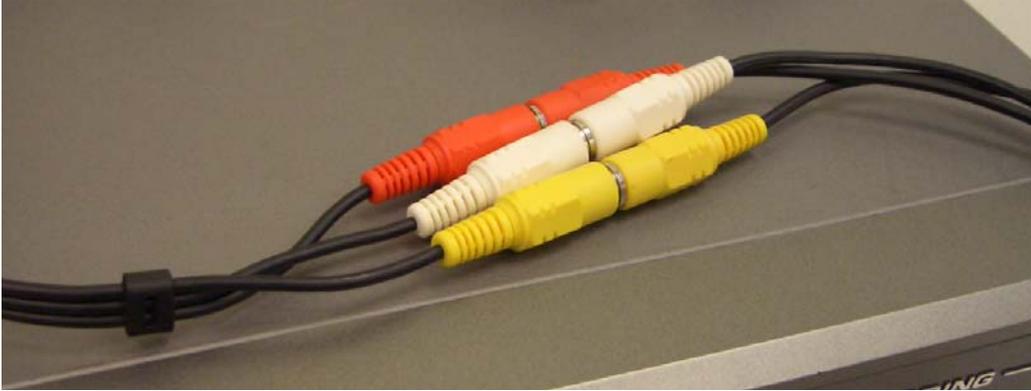
2. Separate the two sections of orange-labeled wires. You will only be using the one on the left.



3. Unplug the black-labeled wires from OUTPUT 2 on the Amplifier.



4. Plug them into the corresponding ports in the remaining section of the orange-labeled wire.



5. Plug the small end of the orange-labeled wire into the corresponding port in the camcorder (usually labeled "AV-OUT").
6. Follow the directions for capturing from the DVD/VHS deck.
7. Return the wires back to normal when you're done.

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