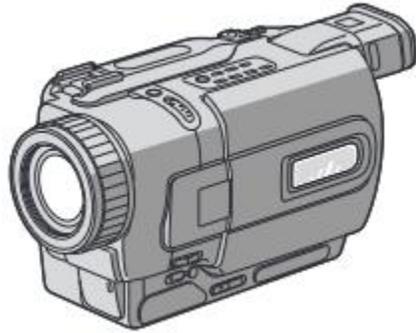


# Transferring Hi8/Digital8/Video8 With Camcorder



## Step 1: Setup

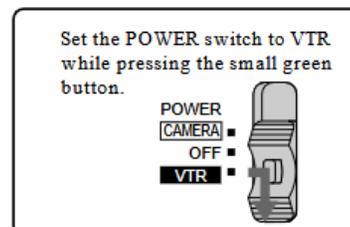
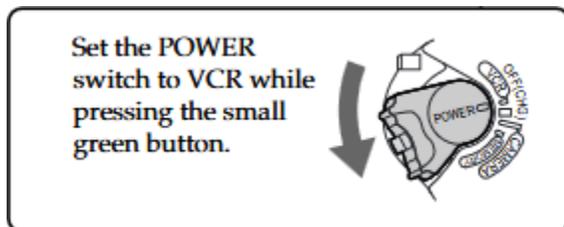
### What to do with the Switcher

- Make sure the Switcher is set to **Input 2: Hi8**

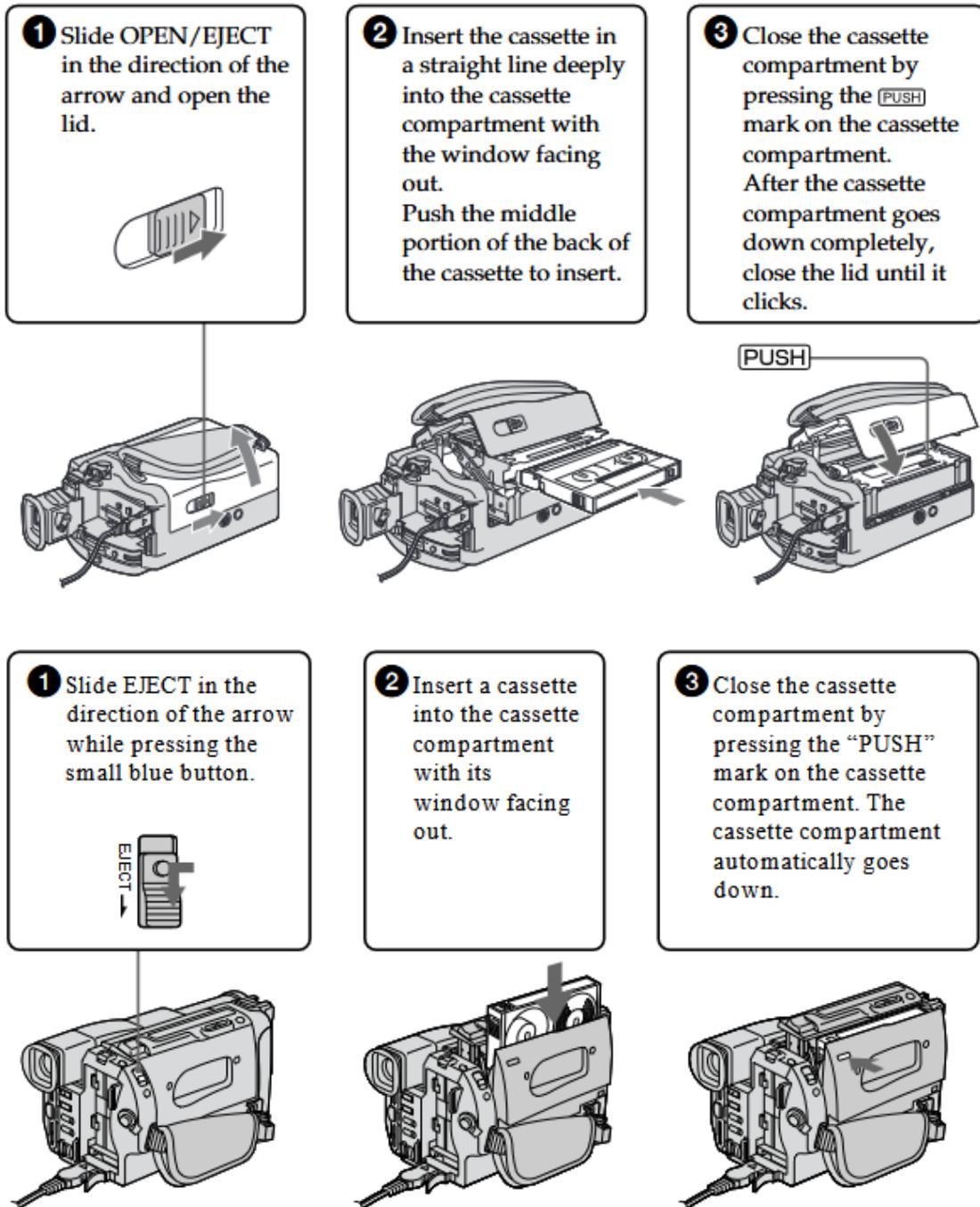


### What to do with the camcorder

- Make sure the camcorder is powered on.
- Make sure the camcorder is in VTR/VCR mode. To change modes, slide the tab near the lens or the tab near the battery socket, depending on the type of camcorder in use.



- Slide the eject tab to open the camcorder. It is either on the bottom of the camcorder or on the top near the battery socket. Please see the diagrams below.
- Gently insert your tape into the camcorder and close the cover by pressing down on the PUSH mark on the cassette compartment. Be patient while the cassette compartment automatically lowers.
- Be careful not to unplug any cables while handling the camcorder. If a cable does detach, please contact DIY Digi Lab staff.

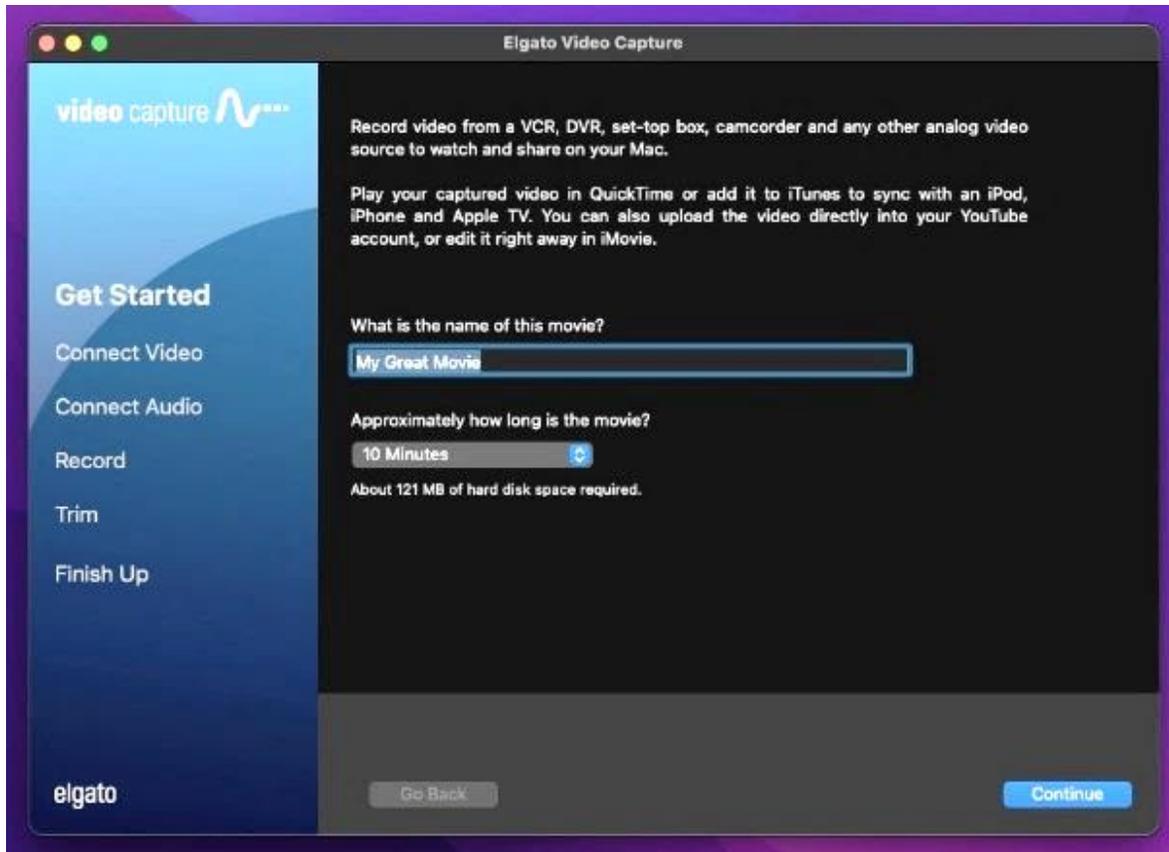


## Step 2: Open Elgato Video Capture

- Close all open programs, if any, on the Mac.
- Click on the **Elgato Video Capture** icon in the dock at the bottom of the screen.

## Step 3: Get started

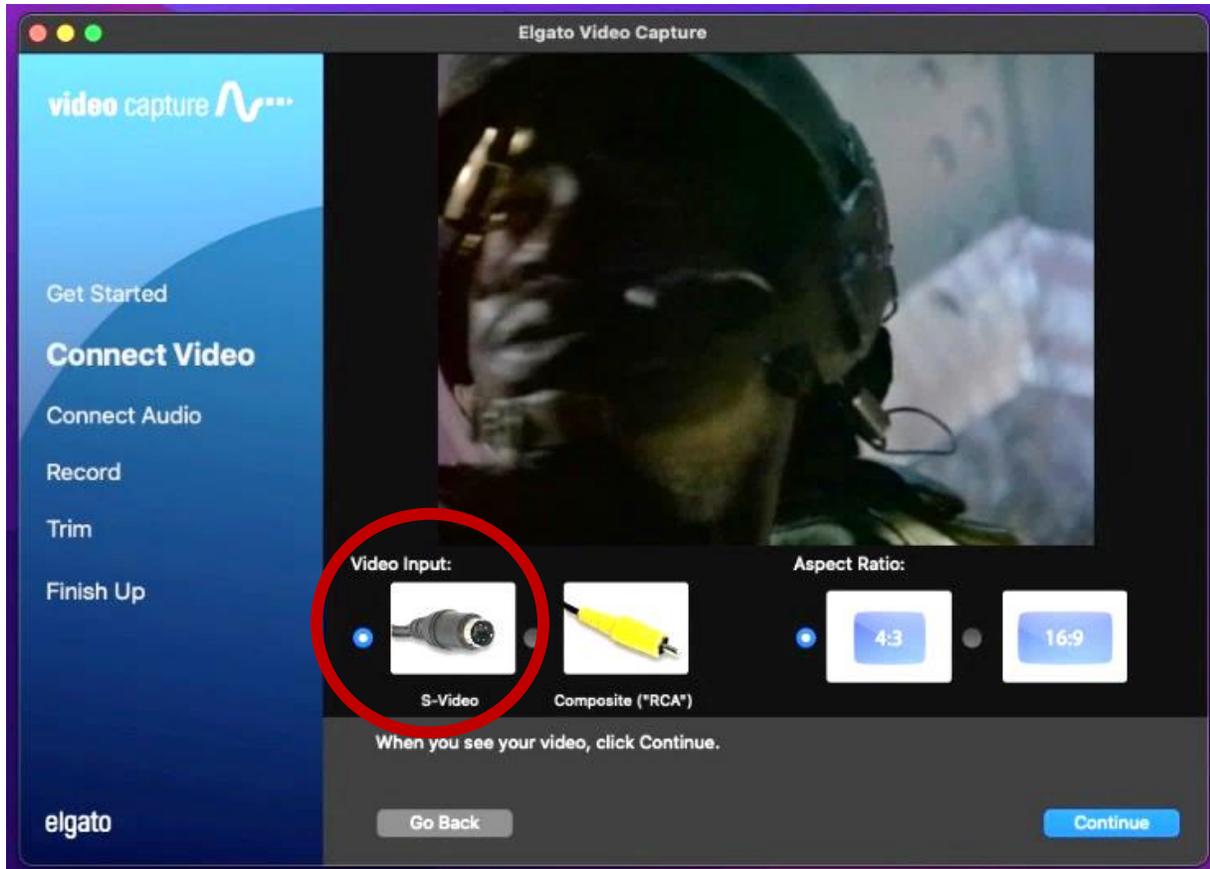
- **Elgato Video Capture** will open to this window:



- Give your movie a title.
- Click on CONTINUE.

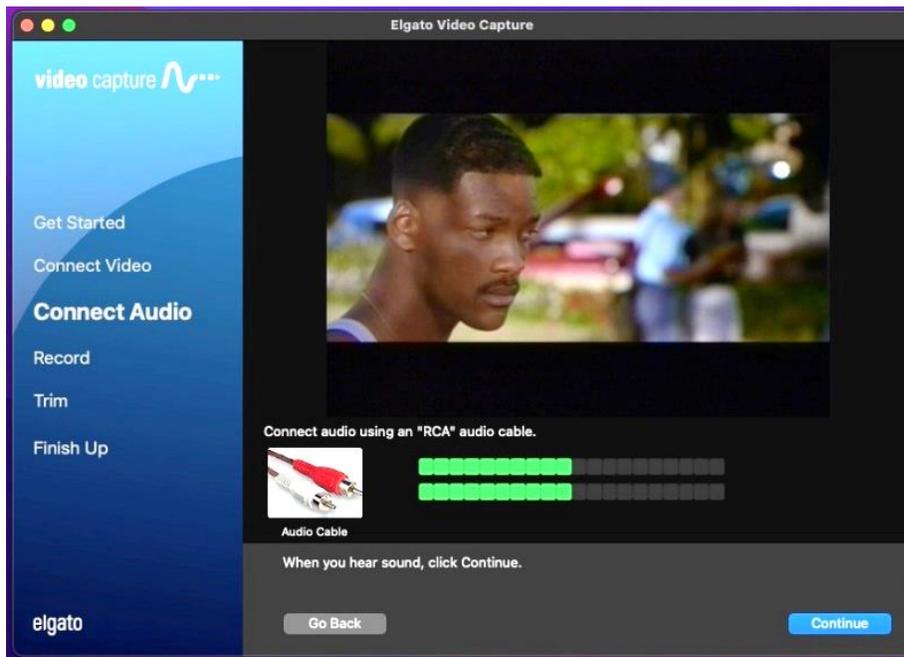
## Step 4: Connect video

- Press the PLAY button on the camcorder to preview your movie.



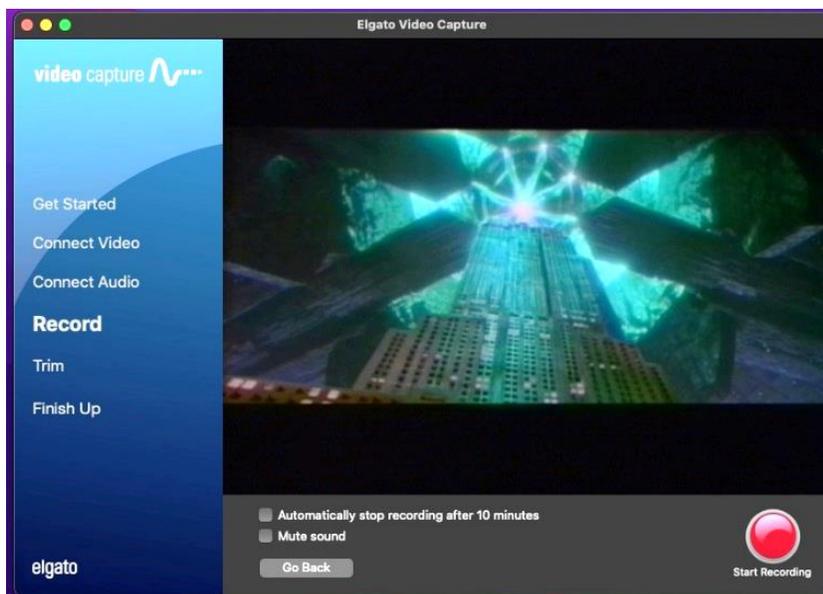
- Make sure S-VIDEO is selected in the software under **Video Input**.
- Use the **Aspect Ratio** option to select the most appropriate ratio for your movie. For most home movies, use 4:3.
- Click CONTINUE.
- If you can hear audio, but cannot see your video in the **Elgato** software, make sure all other programs are closed and restart **Elgato**. If problems persist, contact an SFPL staff member.

## Step 5: Connect audio



- With your movie playing, you should see moving green bars that represent your movie's audio track. Make sure you are viewing a portion of your video that contains audio.
- If both audio and video signals appear correct, press STOP on the camcorder, then press REWIND to go back to the beginning of the tape.
- Select CONTINUE on the **Elgato Video Capture** software.

## Step 6: Record



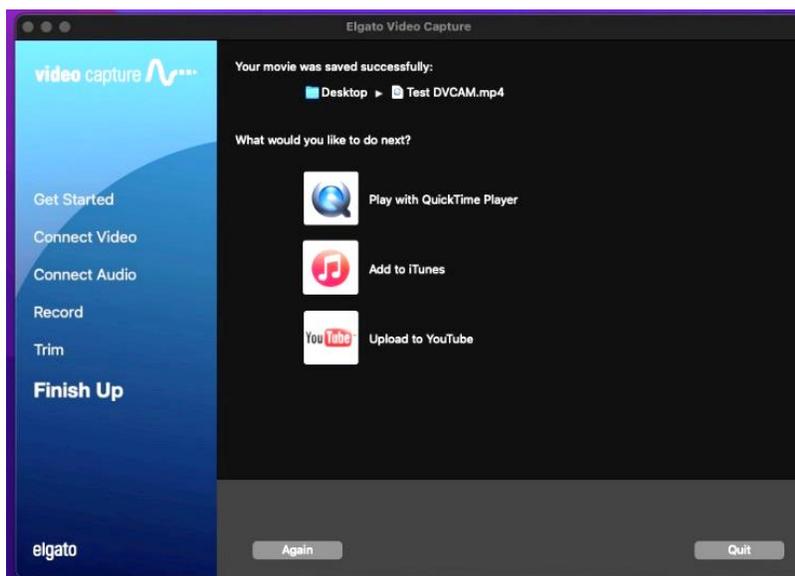
- Select **START RECORDING** on the **Elgato Video Capture** software.
- Press **PLAY** on the camcorder.
- You should again see your movie playing in the **Elgato** window.
- When you want to stop recording, press the **STOP RECORDING** button in the software, then press **STOP** on the camcorder.

## Step 7: Trim (OPTIONAL)



- **If you are unsure of your video editing skills, this step can be skipped, as it cannot be undone once you click CONTINUE. We highly recommend skipping this step.**
- Move the tabs underneath the video screen to trim the ends of your digitized movie.
- Click **CONTINUE**.

## Step 8: Finish up



- **IMPORTANT:** Before starting on another tape, make sure to let the program finish creating the video file for what you just digitized. Please also test the newly created file by following the step below. **DO NOT** click AGAIN or QUIT before the file is created, or you might lose all your work!
- Once the file has finished rendering, select Play with QuickTime Player. If you choose this option and get an error message, your movie is still rendering. Wait a few seconds and try selecting Play with QuickTime Player again.
- After you have tested your file, if you want to digitize another movie, click AGAIN and go back to **Step 1**.
- If you are finished, click QUIT.

### **Step 9: Save your video on your storage device**

- Plug in your storage device to the USB hub.
- Drag your movie from the desktop to the disk image of your storage device.
- Once the file transfer has finished, safely eject your device from the computer by dragging its disk image to the eject icon (trash can) on the bottom of the desktop. Or you can click on the drive and select **File → Eject**.
- Eject your tape from the camcorder.



**Don't forget your tape and storage device!**

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