

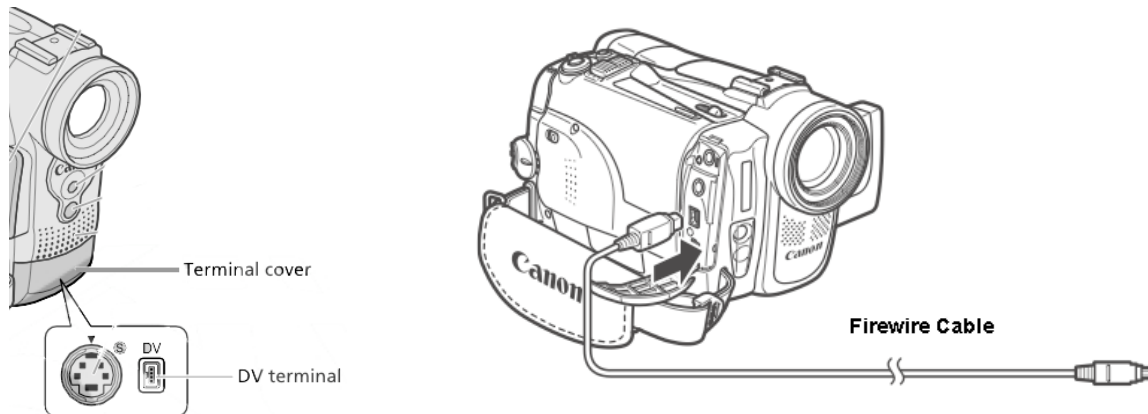
Backing Up Your iMovie Projects to DV Tape

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iMovie projects take up a large amount of hard drive space. For this reason it is impractical to back up your completed iMovie to the server and oftentimes the project will not fit on a CD or even a DVD. However, it is possible to archive your completed movie to DV videotape. This way you may remove the file from your computer but still have a copy of the completed movie. Should you need to re-edit the footage or re-burn the project to a DVD at a later date, you can simply import the completed movie back into your computer.

When you have completed editing your iMovie and are ready to archive the project and free up space on your hard drive, you may export the video from iMovie to the DV camera that you used to film the movie.

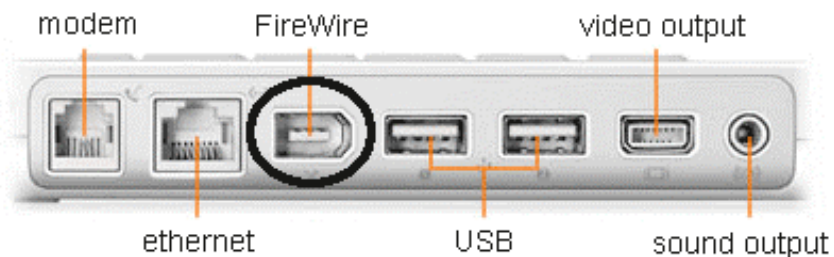
Begin by connecting the camera to your computer via a FireWire cable. The location of the **DV terminal** on the camera will vary depending upon what kind of camera you are using.



The ZR80 camera's DV terminal is on the front of the camera, under the lens.

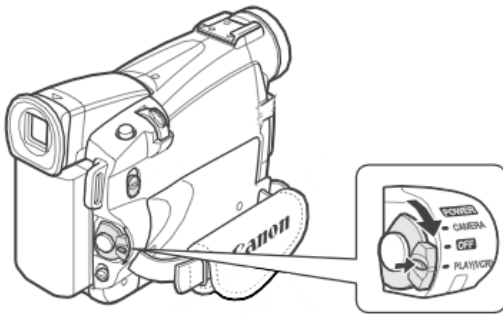
The Elura 90 camera's DV terminal is on the side opposite the LCD monitor, near the lens.

Plug the smaller end of the FireWire cable that is included with the camera into the **DV terminal** on the camera. The larger end plugs into the **FireWire** port on the side of your iBook, circled in the diagram below:

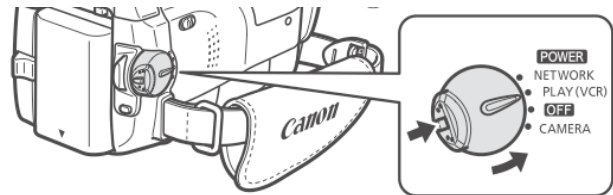


Make sure both your iBook and the DV camera are plugged into an electricity source as the export process might take some time and you do not want your iBook or the camera to put itself to sleep because of lack of power.

After connecting the camera to your computer you must turn the camera on, setting it to **Play (VCR)** mode.



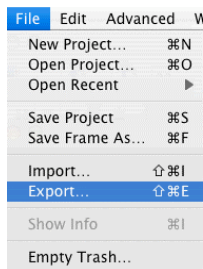
You move the switch on the ZR80 camera down to the **Play (VCR)** setting.



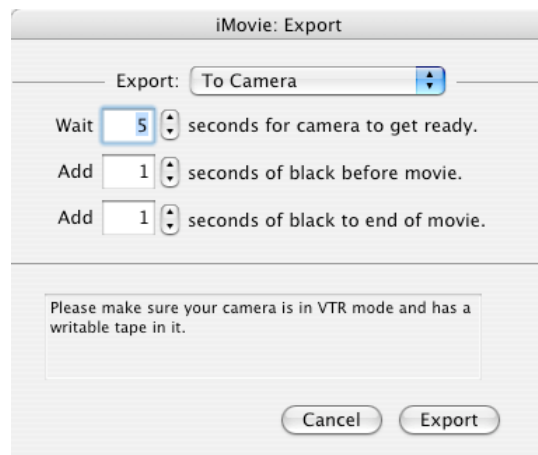
The switch on the Elura 90 camera moves up to the **Play (VCR)** setting.

Open your completed iMovie project.

Go to the **File** menu and select **Export**.



A window will open asking what kind of export you wish to do; the default is **To Camera**:

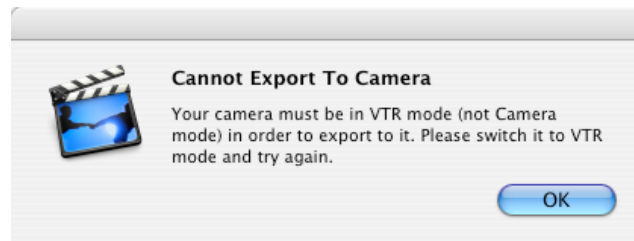


Make sure you have a blank DV tape in the camera, or that you have rewound the tape that you originally used and which you wish to tape over with the completed footage. When you click the Export button the movie will be printed back to the tape. iMovie will add as many seconds of black footage before your movie as you have specified in the Export window.

If the camera is not properly connected you will receive the following error message:



Additionally, if the camera is set to **Camera** mode rather than **Play (VCR)** mode the export will fail and iMovie will present the following error:



Exporting your iMovie to tape is a 1:1 process; exporting takes as long as the movie's total duration, so if your movie is thirty minutes long the export will take thirty minutes.

When the export is complete you may wish to use the controls on the camera to rewind the tape and make sure your footage is printed back to the tape. After confirming that the footage is on the tape, you may quit iMovie and throw away the iMovie project from your hard drive. This will free up space on your hard drive so you can make additional movies in the future.