



## Avid® Free DV ReadMe

### Important Information

Avid recommends that you read all the information in this ReadMe file thoroughly before using any new software version.

- Avid Free DV is a limited experience of the Avid editing environment and does not encompass all of the powerful features and valuable editing functionality of Avid's professional video editing products. Avid Free DV includes basic video and audio editing capabilities, up to two streams of real-time effects, and support for both Windows® XP and Macintosh® OS X platforms. To view of list of Avid Free DV features as compared to Avid Xpress DV and Xpress Pro visit:  
[www.avid.com/freedv/features.asp](http://www.avid.com/freedv/features.asp)
- Once you've had a chance to familiarize yourself with the Avid editing interface using Avid Free DV software, you can step up to the features found in our professional line of products such as Avid Xpress® DV, Avid Xpress® Pro, and Avid Media Composer® Adrenaline™. Go to [www.avid.com/products/](http://www.avid.com/products/) to learn more.
- Technical & Customer Support Information: Support Policy  
Avid Free DV software is provided “as is.” This means Avid does not guarantee this software's compatibility with any particular computer system, or various components installed on it. Additionally, Avid does not assume any technical or customer support responsibilities for Avid Free DV by phone, e-mail, or fax. Because of the widespread, free nature of this release, we invite users to become a part of our online community to obtain and share information with other users. For support Avid Free DV users should visit the community forum at [www.avid.com/freedv](http://www.avid.com/freedv). However, all Avid products that are available for purchase, include technical support from the product experts at Avid. For information on purchasing Avid products, see below.

- Projects and bins created with Avid Free DV software cannot be opened or edited with Avid Xpress DV (or any other Avid systems) and vice versa. Avid Free DV is simply a free opportunity to experience the Avid editing interface.
- Avid Free DV only supports a single user login. If you attempt to run as a different user you may get error messages, or have to force quit the application. If you need to run the application as a different user, uninstall the application from the original login and reinstall as the new user. If this is your first time editing with an Avid product, you may need help familiarizing yourself with the user interface and toolset. Avid Free DV Tutorials are available to help you get started. Visit [www.avid.com/freedv/tutorials](http://www.avid.com/freedv/tutorials) to view or download the many flash modules available.

## Documentation Differences

As mentioned above Avid does not assume any technical or customer support responsibilities for Avid Free DV. The help and documentation available for Avid Free DV is actually the Avid Xpress Products online help system. This system includes many features that are not available with Avid Free DV. These features have been grayed out or do not appear in the application, but are available on the Avid Xpress Pro or Avid Xpress DV models. To view of list of Avid Free DV features as compared to Avid Xpress DV and Xpress Pro visit: [www.avid.com/freedv/features.asp](http://www.avid.com/freedv/features.asp).

## Avid Xpress Products Help

The Avid Xpress Products online help system includes a contents list, search capabilities, and context-sensitive Help. To access the Help system, from within the Avid Free DV application, select Avid Free DV Help from the Help menu. To find out about a

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particular window or dialog box, with the cursor on the window, press F1 (Windows) or the Help key (Macintosh). This will take you to the online help topic specific to the item you clicked on.

## If You Need Help

If you are having trouble using your Avid system:

1. Retry the action.
2. Check this ReadMe file for the latest information.
3. Go to the Avid Free DV web pages located at [www.avid.com/freedv](http://www.avid.com/freedv). Once on the web site, visit the Avid Free DV user forum for online community-based support. This page also provides links to additional resources, helpful information about using Avid Free DV, or information about general digital video editing topics. Check these pages often as the information is continuously updated and expanded.

## How to Order Other Avid Products

Avid Free DV was created to give everyone the ability to experience Avid's award-winning user interface. Avid Free DV is a streamlined version of Avid's professional video editing software and therefore has many limited capabilities. Once you've had a chance to familiarize yourself with the Avid editing interface we recommend upgrading to Avid Xpress DV or Avid Xpress Pro where you will benefit dramatically from increased functionality and power.

Learn more about the powerful features and functionality you get when you upgrade to Avid Xpress DV and Avid Xpress Pro by visiting [www.avid.com/products](http://www.avid.com/products).

## How to Buy

Avid provides a number different options for purchasing its solutions. Go to [www.avid.com/howtobuy](http://www.avid.com/howtobuy) to find the option that works best for you.

If you would like to purchase Avid Xpress DV, visit the online Avid Store at [www.avidstore.com](http://www.avidstore.com).

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