

## FOREIGN CONVERSIONS

### NTSC/PAL/SECAM

Different video standards are used around the world. In North America and Japan, the NTSC (National Television Standards Committee) standards are used, while other parts of the world adhere to either NTSC or various versions of the PAL (Phase Alternating Lines) and SECAM (Sequentiale Couleur A'memorie) standards developed in Europe.

Access Video can copy/convert many common international video formats so that tapes and disks made in one part of the world can be readily played here or in other parts of the world.

Typical consumer uses include:

- Converting/copying your home video to share with others overseas
- Converting/copying your vacation video, such as skydiving or scuba-diving video, sometimes made in a foreign standard, to your local standard
- Converting/copying other (non-copyrighted) travel videos and videos of local interest to your local standard or to the local standard of your friends or relatives
- For those who have moved, converting/copying home video from your prior format to your current format

### Professional Conversion Quality

You can count on Access Video for high-quality conversions. For VHS conversions, we use the worldwide industry standard Panasonic AG-W1 professional converting VCR. For all other conversions, we use the Prime Image Std/Con1X converter. This high-end professional converter meets or exceeds all broadcast quality standards.

### FORMATS AVAILABLE

Use this chart to verify your source material can be played at Access Video and your copy can be recorded.

PHYSICAL FORMAT	INPUT/SOURCE			OUTPUT/COPY		
	NTSC	PAL	SECAM	NTSC	PAL	SECAM
VHS tape	√	√	√	√	√	√*
VHS-C (camcorder) tape	√	√	√	√	√*	√*
MiniDV, miniDVcam tape	√	√		√		
Full size DV, DVcam tape	√	√		√		
DVD, DVD±R disk	√	√		√	√	
Video CD (VCD)	√	√		√	√	
Video8, Hi8, Digital8	√	√		√	√	
BetaCam SP, BetaMax	√			√		
¾" U-matic	√					

**FOREIGN CONVERSION PRICING**

	10min	30min	1 hr	2 hr	4 hr	8 hr
<b>DVD to DVD (no menu transfer)</b>	29.95	31.95	34.95	39.95	49.95*	
<b>DVD to VHS</b>	17.10	17.70	18.65	19.95	26.95*	32.95*
<b>VHS to VHS</b>	17.10	17.70	18.65	19.95	26.95*	32.95*
<b>VHS to DVD</b>	24.95	26.95	29.95	34.95	44.95*	
<b>MiniDV or Video8/Hi8/Digital8 to miniDV</b>	27.00	29.00	32.00	35.00*		
<b>MiniDV or Video8/Hi8/Digital8 to DVD</b>	29.95	31.95	34.95	39.95		
<b>MiniDV or Video8/Hi8/Digital8 to VHS</b>	18.10	18.70	19.65	20.95		
<b>SETUP, All other Analog transfers (Add fee to normal transfer price)</b>	10.00	11.00	13.00	15.00	17.00	19.00
	* EP/SLP MODE (NOT RECOMMENDED)					

**NOTES:**

- Commercially produced material is often subject to copyright laws and cannot generally be legally copied even to another format. Access Video will not defeat copy protection mechanisms such as Macrovision and DVD Region Encoding.
- Digital-to-digital conversions (e.g. miniDV PAL to miniDV NTSC) are first converted to analog, format-converted, and then re-encoded to digital. This provides better final quality than can generally be achieved by other methods.
- For DVD to DVD conversions, the DVD is played, converted and re-recorded. As such, the original DVD's interactive menu does not transfer except as a non-interactive video image. A new basic menu is provided on the converted DVD, but it will not match the original menu. If you need to create a new DVD with a matching interactive menu, please contact us. This would need to be quoted on a custom basis. It would basically involve re-authoring the DVD and would not be inexpensive.

For more information on Foreign Conversions check out our [FAQs page](#).