How to transfer photos or videos from camera or USB to ipad/iphone

How to quickly transfer your photos or videos between your PC or camera and ipad/iphone using USB key connected to lightning port. Cloud not required.

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Import from camera**


To import from your SD card or digital camera, follow these steps:

1. Connect the adapter to your iOS device.
2. Connect your digital camera to the adapter by USB or insert an SD card.
3. Photos app should automatically open to the Import tab. ...
4. Tap Import All to import your content, or tap specific items, then tap Import.
5. You may also see your photos or videos in the files app

**Import/export between USB key (USB flash drive) and ipad/iphone**

**EITHER**

Use Lightning to USB camera adapter **PLUS** USB key.

Pls. note that if you are getting error that USB key is requiring too much power, you need to find a USB key requiring less power (e.g. the Kingston Bolt mentioned below) or use USB with external power

**OR**

Use USB-A/Lightning key, I used Kingston DataTraveler Bolt Duo - USB-A/Lightning - 64 GB. In this case you can’t charge the ipad/iphone while USB is connected

**Procedure:**

1. Format USB key for FAT32 or exfat (windows) or exfat (OSX) – Kingston Bolt already FAT32 formatted
2. Copy the photos or videos you want to transfer to USB key – either as individual photos (*.jpg etc.) or video files (*.mp4 etc.) or as zip file with photos/videos
3. If you use USB camera adapter PLUS USB key:
   a) Plug the USB key into your iPad via the Camera Connection Kit
b) Go to files app and you will see the photo files there.

c) If photos/videos are zipped just press the zip folder and files will be extracted automatically to separate folder. Pls. note that extraction is typically faster on PC.

4. If you use USB-A/Lightning key you may view photos/videos in both files app or Kingston Bolt app.

a) Pls. note that bolt app does not support extraction from zip file

b) So in this case you need first to plug USB-A/Lightning key into camera adapter and extract via files app. Then you may plug in USB-A/Lightning key to ipad.

c) Note that the bolt app photo viewer is faster than the files app photo viewer

d) Same for video viewer – use either VLC or bolt viewer for videos
Step 1 — see introduction

- connection to iPad