How to play video on Xbox One

Xbox One is the latest game console. It has powerful multimedia performance. This guide tells you how to play video on Xbox One.

Perhaps this November is the most exciting month for game lovers as the two giant game consoles, PS4 and Xbox one, have both been available in this month. The Sony PS4 was first release at November 18th in United States and Canada. More than 1 million PS4 were sold in less than 24 hours. Just several days after that, Microsoft claimed their latest game console - the Xbox One has been available in November 22th. Unlike the pure game console as PS4, the Xbox One is more than a comprehensive recreation center. It has more motion controls and network features. With excellent multimedia performance, we could combine the Xbox One with other electronic devices like TV, PC, tablet and cellphone. In this guide, I'll introduce you one of the most important multimedia features of Xbox One - the video playback. You can use the Xbox One to enjoy video in three methods.

Play video on Xbox One with Xbox video app

The Xbox One console has generated a video app in which you can purchase or rent various TV shows, movies and music videos. Follow the steps below to get videos in the Xbox video app.

1. Sign in with your Microsoft account in Xbox One console

2. Scroll right on the home screen and choose **Browse** > **Movies & TV** > **Xbox Video**

3. Select a video from the recommendations or search the video name in **Video Search**

4. Select to purchase or rent the video. Most videos have **SD** (stand definition) and **HD** (high definition) versions. If you choose to buy the movie, then you download it for 5 times. And if you choose to rent, then you can keep the movie for 14 days.

5. Follow the prompts to complete the transaction after you purchase or rent the movie

Play DVD/Blu-ray video on Xbox One

It's a pity that the previous Xbox - the Xbox 360 on supports DVD. But this

situation has changed on new Xbox One - it generates a DVD/Blu-ray drive. This is

a great improvement. Now we can insert the HD video disk in the Xbox One to

enjoy exciting movie without any extra software or hardware. Xbox One's drive has

a very useful bookmark feature. If you stop a DVD and eject it before the feature

ends, the Xbox 360 console remembers, or bookmarks, the point where you

stopped. When you reinsert the DVD, the DVD continues from that point.

Play video on Xbox One from USB

Everybody love big screen to watch video. That's why most TVs have an external

USB device support that we can put the HD video in it and let the TV to play them.

But most TVs don't have strong video decoding performance that it may not have

an optimal video playback. Luckily we can both connect the TV and USB device to

Xbox One so that we can use its powerful multimedia performance to play videos.

The Xbox One support multiple video formats like these:

	File extensions	Containers	Video profiles	Video bit rate
AVI support	.avi, .divx	AVI	MPEG-4 Part 2 (Simple Profile and Advanced Simple Profile)	5 Mbps with resolutions of 1280 × 720 at 30 fps

H.264 support	.mp4, .m4v, mp4v, .mov, .avi	MPEG-4, QuickTime	Baseline, main and high (up to level 4.1)	10 Mbps with resolutions of 1920 × 1080 at 30 fps
MPEG-4 Part 2 support	.mp4, .m4v, .mp4v, .mov, .avi	MPEG-4, QuickTime	MPEG-4 Part 2 (Simple Profile and Advanced Simple Profile)	5 Mbps with resolutions of 1280 × 720 at 30 fps
WMV (VC-1) support	.wmv	ASF	WMV7 (WMV1), WMV8 (WMV2), WMV9 (WMV3), VC-1 (WVC1 or WMVA) in simple, main and advanced up to level 3	Video bit rate: 15 Mbps with resolutions of 1920 × 1080 at 30 fps

From the table we can see that Xbox One can play most mainstream video formats.

But it's a pity that the popular .mkv video isn't in the list. If you have many MKV

video at hands, just convert them to MP4 formats so that Xbox One could play. You

can use the imElfin Video Converter.

For detailed tutorial of imElfin Video Converter, please click here: How to use

imElfin Video Converter.

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