How to Play Videos on iPhone 5s/5c/5/4/3

With the release of iPhone 5s/5c, more people are joining the iPhone family. This guide shows newbies how to play videos on iPhone 5s/5c/5/etc.

In addition to phone calls, many people also use iPhone to play videos on the go. Since the new iPhone 5s, along with iPhone 5c (colorful version), has been officially released, more guys are now joining the i-campe. In this article, we will talk about how to play videos on iPhone 5s, 5c, together with previous iPhone models.

How to play videos on iPhone 5s/5c/5/4/3 with video player

It is fairly easy if you simply watch videos on iPhone with the bulti-in video player app.

Step 1: Tap the video icon (under iPod icon) on your iPhone 5s.

Step 2: Choose one video clip from the video list (you previously downloaded to your iPhone) and play.

If you **haven't got any videos on your phone** yet, you can either go to iTunes to purchase videos, which will be later synced to your video list, or visit sites to free download movies to iPhone (iPad/iPod) and play on iPhone.

Play personal videos on iPhone 5s, 5c, etc.

People can't play personal videos on iPhone at times, which may have something to do with transferred video formats. Therefore we should first understand **video formats supported by iPhone 5s**. iPhone 5s, together with iPad and other iOS devices, only accepts one video format: MP4 (h.264 codec), whereas videos stored on PC or Mac can be in AVI, WMV, MOV, FLV, etc. Thereby you will have to convert personal videos to MP4 or if you want to play videos on iPhone with the built-in video app. I recommend you to **convert videos to iPhone 5 with Video Converter**, so that you can play the videos on any device without the restrictions to formats or apps.
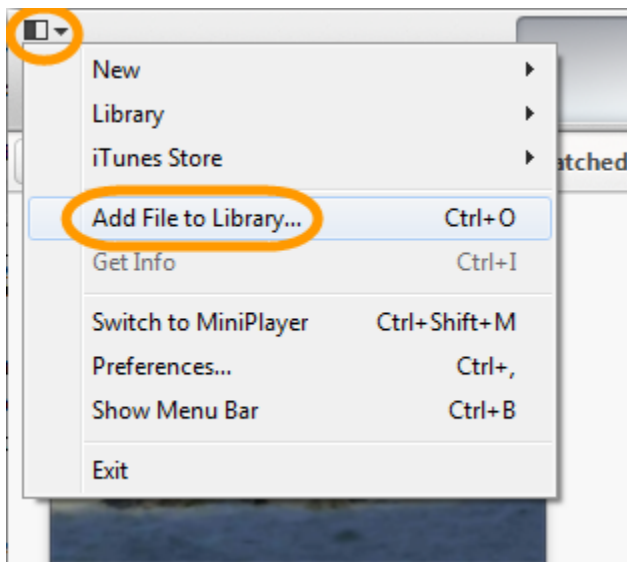
Alternatively, you can use VLC player app to play videos in multi formats on iPhone

5s. Search for VLC in AppStore on your iPhone 5s, download VLC player free to

iPhone, locate a video and play.

Download free videos & play videos/movies on iPhone without Wi-Fi

3G Owners can easily connect to Internet and watch videos on iPhone 3G in most

places. But for users of Wi-Fi version, it will make sense to download movies or

videos to iPhone beforehand, so that they can **watch videos without Wi-Fi (offline)**.

Instead of purchasing videos/movies from iTunes every time, people can also go

to sites to download free movies for iPhone, iPad, iPod, or directly rip videos from

YouTube.with YouTube downloader tool.

If you have already got free videos in iTunes on your PC/Mac, transfer the videos

from iTunes to your iPhone 5s or any other iPhone model with iTunes. In case you

are not used to iTunes manipulations, try iTransfer tool for easier and faster

iTunes video transfer. For videos/movies outside of iTunes, click the left-cornor

menu in iTunes on PC/Mac, choose "Add File to Library..." to**add personal video**

files to the iTunes library.

To play videos with subtitles, you can go to iTunes -> "Edit" -> "Preferences" ->

"Playback", click the "Subtitle Language" menu and choose a language. Click "Ok".

This method works for videos coming with subtitles of their own. To add external subtitles to videos, you may need to utilize paid subtitle rendering software.

How to play videos on iPhone that requires Flash Player

People sometimes find their iPhone does not play online videos, which typically results from that online video play requires the support for Flash Player and leads to that people can't play YouTube videos on iPhone as well. This is actually a problem of browser and support for Flash Player. The bulit-in browser on iPhone 5s, including iPhone 5c, 5, 4s, 4, etc. does not support Flash Player, thereby people will need to turn to third-party browser apps for playing Flash videos on iPhone. Photon ($4.49) and Puffin ($2.99) are two browsers supporting Flash video playback and Flash game playing on iOS.

How to play videos on iPhone while locked

You **may** find the videos stop playing while the iPhone 5s is locked. To let the videos play on iPhone continuously, you can manually change the video classification in iTunes. Go to iTunes (on computer), right-click the video you want to play on iPhone, choose "Get Info", switch "Media Kind" to "Music Video" under the "Options" tab. In minutes, the media type info of each file will be updated.

When playing videos on iPhone (after the updating), remember to choose to play

from playlist under music video category instead of video.

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