

# Video Import Troubleshooting Guide

## Why Videos Aren't Being Found

Based on your debug results, **your videos are NOT stored in the post content**. Here's where they might be:

### Common Video Storage Locations

#### 1. Custom Fields / Post Meta NOW SUPPORTED

- Most common location outside of content
- Field names like: `video_url`, `youtube_url`, `video_id`, etc.
- **Solution:** Check "Scan Custom Fields & Post Meta" and scan again

#### 2. Theme or Page Builder

- Some themes store video URLs in their own settings
- Examples: Elementor, Divi, WPBakery
- Usually stored as post meta with theme-specific keys

#### 3. ACF (Advanced Custom Fields)

- Very popular plugin for custom fields
- Stores in post meta with ACF-specific format
- **Solution:** The meta scanner should detect these

#### 4. Featured Video Plugins

- Plugins like "Featured Video Plus"
- Often store in post meta

#### 5. Gutenberg Block Data

- Modern WordPress editor stores data in HTML comments
- Example: `<!-- wp:embed {"url":"..."} -->`
- Should be detected by content scanner

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## How to Find Your Videos

### Method 1: Check a Post in WordPress Admin

1. Go to **Posts** → **All Posts**
2. Edit one of your video posts (e.g., "Third Test video")
3. Look for:
  - **Video URL field** in the editor sidebar
  - **Custom fields** box (may need to enable in Screen Options)
  - **Page builder elements** (Elementor, Divi, etc.)
4. Note the field name if you find it

## Method 2: Check Post Meta Directly

1. Install plugin "**Custom Field Suite**" or "**Show Current Template**"
2. Or use the built-in Custom Fields:
  - Edit a post
  - Click "Screen Options" at top right
  - Check "Custom Fields"
  - Scroll down to see all custom fields

## Method 3: Database Query (Advanced)

If you have database access:

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sql


SELECT meta_key, meta_value
FROM wp_postmeta
WHERE post_id = 59
AND meta_value LIKE '%youtube%' OR meta_value LIKE '%vimeo%' OR meta_value LIKE '%.mp4%';
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(Replace `59` with your post ID)

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## Next Steps Based on Your Setup

### If Videos Are in Custom Fields:

1.  Check the "Scan Custom Fields & Post Meta" checkbox
2. Click "**Debug Scan**" again
3. Look for: `✓ Found in meta fields: field_name`
4. If found, import them!

## If Videos Are in a Plugin/Theme:

Common field names by plugin/theme:

- **Jetpack:** `jetpack_post_thumbnail`
- **Featured Video Plus:** `_videothumbnail`
- **Easy Video Player:** `_evp_video`
- **Elementor:** Check `_elementor_data`
- **Divi:** Check `_et_pb_*` fields

## If Videos Are Embedded via Shortcode:

Example: `[video_player id="xyz"]`

- These won't be detected as video URLs
- You'll need to manually create video posts

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## Your Posts

Based on your debug results:

- **Post 59:** "Third Test video" - 135 chars, no videos in content
- **Post 60:** "Second Test" - 122 chars, no videos in content
- **Post 61:** "Channel Test" - 198 chars, no videos in content
- **Post 1:** "Hello world!" - 137 chars, no videos in content

These are very short posts, which suggests:

1. Videos ARE stored separately (not in content)
2. Likely in custom fields
3. Or managed by a theme/plugin

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## Test the Meta Scanner

1. Go back to **Videos** → **Import Videos**
2. **Check** "Scan Custom Fields & Post Meta"
3. Click "**Debug Scan**"

4. Look for this in results:

✓ Found in meta fields: video\_url

5. If you see that  videos detected!

6. If not, check one post manually to find field name

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## **Manual Import Alternative**

If automatic import doesn't work, you can manually import:

### **For Each Video Post:**

1. Go to **Videos** → **Add New**
  2. Copy title from original post
  3. Copy content from original post
  4. **Find the video URL** in original post's custom fields
  5. Paste video URL in the **Video URL** field
  6. Click "**Import from YouTube**" if it's YouTube
  7. Or fill in details manually
  8. Publish
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## **Still Stuck?**

Share this information:

1. What theme are you using?
2. What page builder (if any)?
3. Any video-related plugins installed?
4. Results from checking Custom Fields in a post
5. The field name where video URL is stored

This will help identify exactly where your videos are! 