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I have a Sony Digital Video Camera Recorder (DCR-TRV120 NTSC) with a IEEE 1394 (I-Link) port. I am trying to download home videos to my computer using Windows MovieMaker.

In the help section of Windows MovieMaker, it states:
About video capture devices – A video capture device lets you transfer live or recorded video to your computer. In Windows Movie Maker, you can use the following types of capture devices to capture video (and in some cases, audio as well) to your computer: Digital video source such as a DV camera or VCR connected to an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) 1394 port (DV capture card or built-in port)

About the DV camera to IEEE 1394, it also states – DV camera or VCR connected to an IEEE 1394 port. When a DV camera is connected to an IEEE 1394 port, you get the best quality available from your DV device. Because the data is already in a digital format, it is simply passed through the IEEE 1394 port to your computer. In this configuration, the IEEE 1394 cable is connected from the DV out port of your DV camera or VCR to the DV IEEE 1394 card or built-in IEEE 1394 port.

I hook up the camera to the IEEE 1394 port on my computer using a proper 6-pin to 4-pin 1394 cable. The camera is on and set to VTR. However, when I open Windows MovieMaker and click on capture, I get the following error in a dialogue box.

"A video capture device was not detected. Verify that a device is turned on and connected properly, and then try again."

Am I missing anything that is causing this? Would I be better off using a video capture card?

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My system is a 2,6GHz Pentium 4 with XP Home OS.

Thanks for any insight offered.

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