MINUTE

Minute Video

WordPress Plugin Guide

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Installation, setup, embedding, legacy compatibility, and troubleshooting.

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1. Plugin requirements

The Minute Video plugin is built for modern WordPress sites with either the **Classic Editor** and/or the **Block Editor (Gutenberg)**.

1.1 Supported environments

- **WordPress** 5.0.3 or later (tested through WordPress 7.1)
- **PHP** 7.2 or later
- **Multisite / network** installations are supported
- **Classic Editor** plugin (for sites that disable Gutenberg)
- **Block Editor** (WordPress 5.0+)
- **Legacy Widgets** and **Block Widget Editor** (WordPress 5.8+)
- **AMP Plugin for WordPress** and **AMP for WP** for AMP embed switching

1.2 Minute account

New Minute Video embeds require a **Minute Video OVP** account. Contact sales@minutegroup.com for access.
Existing **sendtonews** embeds can continue to work with Company ID and authentication settings already stored in WordPress.

1.3 Cache and minify plugins

JavaScript optimization plugins (minify, combine, defer) can break third-party video player scripts. Exclude Minute and sendtonews player URLs from minification.

Minute Video (`[minute]`, Minute Video block/widget)

- `players.voltaxservices.io/players/`

Legacy Minute Video (`[mm-video]`)

- `vms-players.minutemediaservices.com/` (and other `*.minutemediaservices.com` player hosts in use on your site)

sendtonews / STN (`[sendtonews]`, legacy STN block/widget, oEmbed)

- `embed.sendtonews.com/player1/responsive.js`
- `embed.sendtonews.com/player2/embedcode.php`
- `embed.sendtonews.com/player3/embedcode.js`
- `embed.sendtonews.com/player4/embedcode.js`
- `embed.stnvideo.com/player1/responsive.js`
- `embed.stnvideo.com/player2/embedcode.php`
- `embed.stnvideo.com/player3/embedcode.js`
- `embed.stnvideo.com/player4/embedcode.js`

Some older embeds may still reference `embed.stnvideo.com` mirror URLs. Exclude both hostnames if minify issues persist.

2. Installation

You can install from the WordPress.org plugin directory (recommended), upload a zip file in the admin, or copy files to your web server directly.

2.1 Install from WordPress.org

1. Log in to **WordPress Admin**.
2. Go to **Plugins → Add New**.
3. Search for **Minute Video**.
4. Click **Install Now** on the **Minute Video** result by Minute.
5. When installation completes, click **Activate Plugin**.

Plugin page: wordpress.org/plugins/voltax-video-player
Reference: Managing plugins — search and install

2.2 Install via upload

Use this when you have a plugin zip file (for example, from Minute or a development build).

1. Log in to **WordPress Admin**.
2. Go to **Plugins → Add New → Upload Plugin**.
3. Select the plugin zip from your computer.
4. Click **Install Now**.
5. When installation completes, click **Activate Plugin**.

Reference: Managing plugins — manual upload

2.3 Install via web server

1. Unzip the plugin package locally if your server cannot unzip files.
2. Connect to your web server (SFTP, SCP, etc.).
3. Upload the `voltax-video-player` folder to `wp-content/plugins/`.
4. Log in to **WordPress Admin**.
5. Go to **Plugins**.
6. Find **Minute Video** and click **Activate**.

Reference: Managing plugins — manual installation

2.4 Remove legacy video plugins

If you are upgrading from **STN Video Player Selector**, **STN Video oEmbed**, or an older **Minute Video** install, the plugin imports compatible settings and shows an admin notice while those plugins remain active.

1. Activate **Minute Video**.
2. Open **Settings → Minute Video** and confirm imported credentials.
3. Deactivate the legacy plugin(s) when prompted.
4. Verify front-end embeds still render correctly.

The Minute Video plugin replaces oEmbed, shortcode, block, widget, and featured-video functionality from the older plugins. Existing post content continues to render without re-embedding.

3. Plugin setup and authorization

After activation, configure OVP credentials so editors can search the Video Library and insert Minute Video players.

3.1 Open settings

1. Log in to **WordPress Admin**.
2. Go to **Settings → Minute Video**.

3.2 Minute credentials

Enter the values provided by Minute:

Field	Description
Client ID	OAuth client identifier
Client Secret	OAuth client secret
Access Token	Filled automatically after a successful save (read-only)

3.3 Account setup

Field	Description
Tenant ID	Your Minute Platform tenant (e.g. `mmsport`)
Organization ID	Organization used for video search and embeds
Property ID	Property used for video search and embeds

Click **Save Settings**. The plugin requests an OAuth access token from Minute. A success notice confirms authentication; an error notice indicates a credential problem.
If you do not have credentials, contact your Minute account team or sales@minutegroup.com.

3.4 Legacy sendtonews settings

If your site already uses **sendtonews** embeds, the **Legacy sendtonews Settings** section may appear with:
- **Company ID (C_ID)**
- **Authentication Code**

These support existing `[sendtonews]` shortcodes and oEmbed URLs. New Minute Video embeds use the OVP credentials above.

3.5 Legacy Minute settings

If you have existing **`[mm-video]`** shortcodes, a **Default Player ID** may appear under **Legacy Minute Platform Settings**. This value is used when legacy shortcodes do not specify a player ID.

3.6 wp-config overrides (optional)

Site operators can define credentials in `wp-config.php` instead of the database:

- `VOLTAX_CLIENT_ID`
- `VOLTAX_CLIENT_SECRET`
- `VOLTAX_TENANT_ID`
- `VOLTAX_ORGANIZATION_ID`
- `VOLTAX_PROPERTY_ID`
- `VOLTAX_PLAYER_ID` (legacy `[mm-video]` default player)

Legacy constant names (`MM_OPT_*`, `STN_CID`, etc.) are also honored during migration.

3.7 AMP support

On AMP requests, `[voltax]` and `[sendtonews]` embeds automatically switch to AMP iframe markup when supported. To disable automatic AMP switching for those shortcodes, add to `wp-config.php` before the plugin loads:

```
define( 'DISABLE_VOLTAX_AMP_SWITCH', true );
```

Legacy `[mm-video]` embeds always follow AMP detection. For **AMP for WP** float/dock behavior, enable video docking in that plugin's settings.

3.8 Override Property (optional)

`[voltax]` can point a single embed at a different organization or property than **Settings → Minute Video** (for branded or no-ads players). Shortcode attributes always work:

```
[voltax id="CONTENT_ID" property="fortune_branded"]
[voltax id="CONTENT_ID" organization="fortune" property="fortune_branded"]
```

Removing the attributes reverts the embed to the site defaults.

To show an **Override Property** field on the Featured Video metabox, Minute Video block, and Minute Video widget (single videos only), add to `wp-config.php` before the plugin loads:

```
define( 'VOLTAX_ENABLE_OVERRIDE_PROPERTY', true );
```

Organization override is shortcode-only; the admin field does not expose it. Empty the property field to revert that selection to the site default property.

4. Add players to WordPress templates

Use templates, widget areas, and the Site Editor to place playlist or shortcode-based players across many pages.

> **Note:** The **Video Library** search tab is available in the **post and page editors** only. On widgets, the customizer, and the Site Editor, use the **Playlists** tab or paste a shortcode in the **ShortCode** tab.

4.1 Shortcode in a PHP template

A **shortcode** is a WordPress placeholder that renders a player when the page loads.
Use `do_shortcode()` in theme template files:

```
<?php echo do_shortcode( '[voltax id="CONTENT_ID"]' ); ?>
```

Keep a backup before editing theme files.

Minute shortcode

```
[voltax id="CONTENT_ID"]
```

Organization and property IDs come from **Settings → Minute Video**. Optional shortcode attributes `property` and `organization` override those values for a single embed. See §3.8 Override Property.

Legacy sendtonews shortcode (existing Smart Match and STN players)

```
[sendtonews key="YOUR_KEY" type="player"]
```

Retrieve keys from the STN Publisher Dashboard or your account manager.

4.2 Minute Video widget

A **widget** is a content block placed in widgetized theme areas (sidebars, footers, etc.).

1. Go to **Appearance → Widgets** (or **Appearance → Customize → Widgets**).
2. Add the **Minute Video** widget to a widget area.
3. Click **Add Video** or **Add Playlist** to open the embed modal.
4. Choose a **playlist** from the **Playlists** tab, or paste a shortcode in the **ShortCode** tab.
5. Click **Save** on the widget.
6. Preview a front-end page that uses that widget area.

When `VOLTAX_ENABLE_OVERRIDE_PROPERTY` is enabled, a single-video selection shows **Override Property**. Playlist selections do not.

To replace a player, click **Replace Video** or **Replace Playlist** and repeat the selection steps. To remove the player, delete the widget.

Legacy STN Video widget

Existing sidebar instances of the legacy **STN Video** widget (`sendtonews`) continue to render until you replace them. Use **Replace with Minute Video** on that widget when you are ready to migrate.

4.3 Minute Video block in the Site Editor

A **block** is a Gutenberg content unit used in block themes and the Site Editor.

1. Go to **Appearance → Editor**.
2. Open a template or template part.
3. Click the + block inserter (or type `/Voltax`).

4. Select **Minute Video**.
5. Click **Add Video** or **Add Playlist**.
6. Use the **Playlists** tab or **ShortCode** tab (Video Library is not available here).
7. Click **Insert**, then **Save** the template.
8. Preview the site.

To replace a player, use **Replace Video** or **Replace Playlist**. To remove the block, select it and choose **Remove block** from the block menu.

5. Add players to posts and pages

The plugin supports the Block Editor, Classic Editor, and a Featured Video metabox.

5.1 Block Editor (Gutenberg)

1. Create or edit a **post** or **page**.
2. Click the **+** block inserter (or type `/Voltax`).
3. Select **Minute Video**.
4. Click **Add Video** or **Add Playlist** in the block.
5. In the embed modal:
   - **Video Library** — search and insert a single video (available when editing posts and pages). Use **My Uploads** to limit results to this site's organization.
   - **Playlists** — search and insert a playlist. Filter by type (Freestyle, Dynamic, Smart Match, Modular) or leave **All types**.
   - **ShortCode** — paste `[voltax]`, `[mm-video]`, or `[sendtonews]` shortcodes.
   - **Help** — open this guide.
6. Click **Insert**.
7. **Save**, **Publish**, or **Update**, then preview the post.

When `VOLTAX_ENABLE_OVERRIDE_PROPERTY` is enabled, a single-video selection shows **Override Property**. Leave it empty to use the site property from settings.
To replace a player, click **Replace Video** or **Replace Playlist** in the block.

5.2 Classic Editor (TinyMCE)

1. Create or edit a **post** or **page**.
2. Above the editor, click **Add Video** or **Add Playlist**, or click the **Minute** button in the TinyMCE toolbar.
3. In the embed modal:
   - **Video Library** — search and insert a single video. Use **My Uploads** to limit results to this site's organization.
   - **Playlists** — search and insert a playlist. Filter by type (Freestyle, Dynamic, Smart Match, Modular) or leave **All types**.
   - **Help** — open this guide.

   The **ShortCode** tab is not shown in the classic editor. Paste `[voltax]`, `[mm-video]`, or `[sendtonews]` shortcodes directly into the editor content when needed.
4. Click **Insert**.
5. **Save**, **Publish**, or **Update**, then preview the post.

To replace a player, delete the shortcode from the editor and insert a new one.

5.3 Featured Video metabox

The **Featured Video Player** metabox sets a video that can replace the featured image on single post views (archive listings may still use the featured image).
Supported on post types enabled by the plugin (default: **post** and **page**). Use the `voltax_featured_video_screens` filter to change which post types show the metabox.

1. Create or edit a post or page.
2. Find **Featured Video Player** in the editor sidebar (enable it under **Screen Options** if hidden).
3. Click **Add Video** or **Add Playlist**.

4. Select from the **Video Library** or **Playlists** tab, or paste a shortcode.
5. Click **Insert**, then save the post.

When `VOLTAX_ENABLE_OVERRIDE_PROPERTY` is enabled, a single-video selection shows **Override Property** under the preview. Clearing the field reverts that featured video to the site default property.
Use **Replace Video** to change the selection, or **Remove Player** to clear it.

Theme integration

Themes can render featured video with the PHP API:
`MinuteMedia\Ovp\Player::create();`
See the plugin developer reference for `Player::getEmbedCode()` and related helpers.

6. Shortcodes and legacy embeds

6.1 Minute Platform shortcode (recommended)

`[voltax id="CONTENT_ID"]`

- `id` — Minute Platform video or playlist content ID (required).
- `playbackmethod` — Optional `autoplay` or `clicktoplay`.
- `property` — Optional property ID override for this embed (for example branded or no-ads players).
- `organization` — Optional organization ID override for this embed.

When `property` or `organization` is omitted, the plugin uses **Settings → Minute Video**. These attributes always work; they do not require `VOLTAX_ENABLE_OVERRIDE_PROPERTY`.

The plugin inserts this shortcode automatically when you pick a video or playlist from the embed modal. With Override Property enabled, the block, Featured Video metabox, and widget can add `property` for single-video selections.

6.2 Legacy `[mm-video]` shortcode

Existing `[mm-video]` shortcodes continue to render. Use them only for content already published; prefer `[voltax]` for new embeds.

```
[mm-video id="CONTENT_ID" type="video"]
[mm-video id="CONTENT_ID" type="playlist" playlist="PLAYLIST_ID"]
```

Optional attributes: `player`, `player_id`, `playlist_id`, `image`.

6.3 Legacy `[sendtonews]` shortcode

Existing STN / sendtonews embeds continue to work:

```
[sendtonews key="YOUR_KEY" type="single"]
[sendtonews key="YOUR_KEY" type="float"]
[sendtonews key="YOUR_KEY" type="player"]
[sendtonews key="YOUR_KEY" type="full"]
[sendtonews key="YOUR_KEY" type="barker"]
```

Supported types: `single`, `float`, `player`, `full`, `barker`, `amp`, `amplist`.

You can also paste `embed.sendtonews.com` URLs; WordPress oEmbed resolves them automatically.

6.4 Legacy editor blocks

Block	Status
`sendtonews/playerselector`	Preserved for existing posts; use **Replace with Minute Video** to upgrade
`voltax/video`	Current block for new embeds

6.5 oEmbed

The plugin registers oEmbed providers for:

- `embed.sendtonews.com` (STN)

- `*.minutemediaservices.com` (Voltax)

Paste supported URLs into the block editor; WordPress embeds them automatically.

7. Updating, deactivating, and uninstalling

7.1 Update via WordPress admin

1. Go to **Plugins → Add New → Upload Plugin** (or use **Dashboard → Updates** when the plugin is on WordPress.org).
2. Upload the new zip file.
3. When prompted, choose **Replace current with uploaded**.
4. Activate the plugin if needed.

7.2 Update via web server

1. Deactivate the plugin in **Plugins** (recommended).
2. Replace the `wp-content/plugins/voltax-video-player` folder with the new version.
3. Reactivate the plugin in **Plugins**.

7.3 Deactivate and uninstall via WordPress admin

1. Go to **Plugins**.
2. Click **Deactivate** under Minute Video.
3. Click **Delete** to remove the plugin.

Uninstall removes Voltax-owned options and transients. Legacy Minute Video and sendtonews options, post meta, and post content are **not** deleted.

7.4 Manual uninstall via web server

Use only when the Plugins screen is unavailable:

1. Deactivate the plugin in **Plugins** if possible.
2. Delete `wp-content/plugins/voltax-video-player` via SFTP or SSH.
3. Confirm the plugin no longer appears under **Plugins**.

Reference: Managing plugins — uninstallation

8. Troubleshooting and support

8.1 Authentication errors

If saving settings shows an authentication error:

1. Confirm **Client ID**, **Client Secret**, **Tenant ID**, **Organization ID**, and **Property ID** match Minute's records.
2. Save again to refresh the access token.
3. Contact your Minute's account team if the error persists.

8.2 Video Library empty or errors

- Verify OVP credentials and that the access token refreshed successfully.
- Confirm your account has videos available to the property (Browse Videos permissions).
- Check that **Organization ID** is set; it is required for video search.
- **My Uploads** lists videos for the saved organization (`include_organizations` on available videos). Other category filters still use IAB categories or league properties.

8.3 Players not appearing on the front end

- Confirm the plugin is active and credentials are saved.
- For `[voltax]`, ensure organization and property IDs are configured.
- For `[sendtonews]`, ensure Company ID and key are valid.
- Exclude player script URLs from minify/combine plugins (see section 1.3).

8.4 AMP issues

- Confirm your AMP plugin is supported (AMP Plugin for WordPress, AMP for WP).
- Set `DISABLE_VOLTAX_AMP_SWITCH` only if you intentionally want non-AMP markup on AMP URLs.
- Legacy `[mm-video]` uses a separate AMP path (`amp-minute-media-player`).

8.5 Legacy plugins still active

An admin notice appears when **STN Video oEmbed**, **STN Video Player Selector**, or an older **Minute Video** install is still active. Review imported settings, verify embeds, then deactivate the old plugin.

8.6 Where to get help

- **Bundled guide** — **Help** tab in the embed modal, contextual **Help** links in WordPress admin, or **Settings → Minute Video**
- **Minute** — your account team or sales@minutegroup.com
- **WordPress.org** — plugin support forum