No more waiting: your video link is ready before you stop talking

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This is the biggest release we've shipped, and the headline is about time — the seconds you spend staring at a progress bar instead of getting the message out.

Here's everything that's new.

Your link is ready before you finish recording

Until now, recording a video meant waiting. Stop recording, wait for the upload, wait for processing, wait for captions — *then* you get a link you can send.

We turned that around. **The watch link now exists the moment you start recording.** By the time you stop talking, it's ready to paste. The video uploads in the background while you write your email, pick your recipient, and send.

Behind the scenes we changed how recording works: videos are captured in a format that's ready to play as-is, uploaded in pieces *while* you record instead of all at once at the end, and played back at the best quality available right away rather than waiting for a final conversion.

The practical result: for most videos, there's no waiting at all.

Fast Mode

Most sends don't need every setting adjusted. **Fast Mode** applies the defaults you've already saved — your watch page settings and your default call-to-action — and takes you straight from recording to sending.

Prefer to fine-tune each one? **Power Mode** keeps every control exactly where it was. Switch between them any time; we'll remember which you chose.

Set a default call to action

Pick one of your saved CTA templates as the default for every new send. It lives in the **CTA Templates** card in Settings, right next to the templates themselves. New sends pick it up automatically — including Fast Mode sends, where you never see the CTA step at all.

Your open and click numbers just got honest

If you've ever looked at a video email and thought "that can't be right" — it probably wasn't.

Open tracking works by loading a tiny invisible image, and that image gets loaded by a lot of things that aren't your recipient. Paste your tracked message into Gmail to send it, and the image loads right there in your own browser — before you've even hit send. CC yourself, and your own read counts. And mail providers scan every link in every message they deliver, following them from their own servers with a browser signature that looks exactly like a person clicking.

None of that is your recipient, and none of it counts anymore. **We now identify each of those cases and leave them out of your numbers** — opens, clicks, CTA clicks, video plays, and replies alike. Nothing is deleted: every event is still recorded, and the detailed activity view tells you exactly what was set aside and why, so a number that drops isn't a mystery. You'll see something like "*13 open events not counted as recipient engagement: 11 automated scans or mail-provider prefetch, 2 from your network.*"

This applies to your existing videos too, not just new ones — your history recalculates the next time you look at it. One deliberate exception: Gmail loads every image through its own servers, so a real open from a Gmail recipient technically arrives from Google. Those still count, because they're genuinely your recipient opening your email. Open tracking remains directional by nature, but the noise we *can* identify is now out of your reporting.

Every plan is now unlimited

Monthly caps on videos created and emails sent are gone, on every plan. Record and send as much as you want.

Preview your watch page before you send

See exactly what your recipient will see — the video, your branding, your call-to-action, the whole page — before anything goes out. Opens and plays from a preview aren't tracked, so checking your own work doesn't pollute your stats.

Send through your own mail server

If you'd rather not connect Gmail or Outlook, you can now connect a mail server directly. Click **SMTP** on the Integrations page and enter your server address, port, encryption, and sign-in details. We verify the connection and send a test message before saving, so you find out immediately if something's wrong instead of discovering it on your first real send.

Your video emails send through your own server, fully tracked, exactly like any other provider.

Build your own email signature

Design a signature once — rich text, web-safe fonts, images, tables — and MVE adds it to your sends. This fills the gap for Outlook and CRM sending, where there's no signature to pull in automatically. Gmail users can choose between the signature we pull from Gmail and the one built here.

BCC yourself on every send

A new organization-wide setting quietly BCCs the sender on every email that goes out, so you have a copy in your own mailbox. Useful for record-keeping, and particularly for SMTP sending, where messages don't appear in your Sent folder. Off by default.

Turn replies and sharing off across your whole account

Two new master switches in **Watch Page Settings**: one for replies, one for sharing. Turn either off and it's off for every video, regardless of what was set on an individual send. For teams that need consistent behavior across everyone, this is one setting instead of a per-send checkbox everyone has to remember.

Chrome extension

The extension picked up the same instant-link improvement: **your snippet is copyable as soon as you stop recording**, rather than waiting on processing.

We also rebuilt the popup around it — one Start/Stop button instead of two, a single row of actions, and a compact layout that fits without scrolling. And we fixed recipient search, which had stopped working in the picker.

Extensions update themselves, so you'll have this automatically.

Mobile

The mobile app gets everything above, plus a few things specific to phones:

- **Compose while the video uploads** — same instant flow as the web app.
- **Fast Mode on mobile**, reachable from My Videos, My Emails, or while recording, with a summary showing which defaults are about to be applied.
- **Your defaults apply to every send.** Previously the default call-to-action and saved watch page settings were applied to the first recording after opening the app and quietly reverted on every send after that.
- **Recipient search is faster and smarter** — exact matches first, results narrowing as you type instead of waiting on each search.
- **Connections stay connected.** Your Gmail and Outlook connections now refresh themselves on mobile the way they always have on the web app.
- **Record up to 10 minutes** on Premium and trial.
- Plus fixes to layout on newer phones, caption status, and the compose screen resetting properly between recordings.

Mobile updates arrive through the App Store and Google Play as they're approved.

And behind the scenes

Not everything worth mentioning is something you can click.

Video processing now runs in a dedicated background service rather than inside the request that uploads your video. Two things follow from that. **Deploys no longer interrupt video processing** — previously, shipping an update while your video was being processed could leave it stuck, and you'd have to re-record. Now that work is durable and picks up where it left off. And a long conversion for one customer no longer slows the app down for everyone else.

We also fixed a case where a video's animated preview was being regenerated every single time it was processed, which was wasting a lot of time for no benefit.