

## Youtube security measures

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Hey, Ean Grimm here.

As a composer I'd like to share my knowledge about - and experience with using music in Youtube videos.

I make a living by composing music and releasing it through a music distributor who then puts the songs in the Youtube Content – ID system, on Spotify, on Amazon, etc. ... you can see this strategy on my fantasy music channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwF4bAx\\_W482\\_AQu-mv1vWg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwF4bAx_W482_AQu-mv1vWg)

The Content-ID system on Youtube is great for protecting my intellectual property but it fails from time to time ... and that is something that Youtube doesn't like to admit in my opinion.

**Fail 1 I have witnessed:** The Content-ID system mistakes one song for an other song because they are, by chance, very similar.

**Fail 2 I have witnessed:** That's more a scam than a fail but let me tell you anyways: A fellow composer gave me permission to use one of his songs in my video. My video then got very successful. So a third party came in, made a shitty REMIX of that song, put it in the Content-ID system and then manually claimed the ORIGINAL in my video.

So I couldn't do anything about it. The dispute feature on Youtube doesn't have the option „the song you are claiming is not in the video“. In my opinion, Youtube won't even admit that the Content-ID system is not perfect. And they don't get involved. The only option would have been to sue but bad actors always gamble on you not going so far.

### So why do I tell you all of that?

I am a songwriter. I compose music. The royalty-free music I have composed for you was written by me. I did not use samples/loops from other artists or songs.

Technically you could say that VSTs include samples because every single note is sampled but that's literally what VSTs are for. So every song included in this bundle is written by me and I am the copyright holder. (A VST is a virtual instrument btw)

I even include a written license for you in all of my bundles.

But not even royalty-free music with the proper license can protect you 100% from bad actors who abuse the Youtube Content-ID system that's in my opinion a far cry from perfection.

So let me tell you what I do to protect myself.

### How do I protect myself?

Well, when it comes to my own content I always test every piece of music first by uploading it as a private video. It's unlikely that someone would claim my royalty-free songs and if so, you could use the license to dispute the false claim. But if you have an urgent upload in the pipe and you get a false claim, it's sometimes better to

just use another song for the time being and to dispute the false claim later.

So if you ask me, if I intend to use let's say 5 songs in a video, I first upload that video as a private video to check if everything is ok or if I have to dispute a false claim. And of course I always save my video projects in the editing software so I can delete or add music if I want to.

### What is important?

-I never use any popular music just off the internet because that's really dangerous concerning copyright law.

-I never use any songs without a written license because when there's a claim and a dispute I would be losing every case. No chance without written license.

-I never trust anything blindly, not even Youtube's own music library. A few years ago I witnessed a big Youtuber getting sued for using a classical song from the Youtube library, if I remember correctly.

-I always test all songs against the Content-ID system first, before using them in a video. A quick private upload of music + picture tells me which songs are safe to use in my videos.

### Conclusion:

In my opinion you shouldn't be afraid to use music in your videos. I have given you permission to use my songs for all commercial purposes and if you still get a false claim on Youtube, you can use my license to dispute it. Even so there's not 100% security, I made it as secure for you as possible.

If you then test the songs in a private upload before your actual upload, you should be ok.

Don't let anyone spoil your fun as a content creator on Youtube. Just look at it as a game. No system is perfect but through supporting each other, we can make the best out of it.

If you need more free music for your content, subscribe to my royalty free music channel on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmkKBaX2j0ZINbMhvv92wNA>

Have a relaxed day,

Ean Grimm (Composer)