

Hard Rain

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Well I finally finished the clip after the nice [Autumn Rain](#) . This clip has the hail in it and some shots of our street in Moe. The hail stones got to about 30mm here and there was quite a volume, not as much as in 2005 when it was almost like snow sleet.

Check out the standing wave from the drain straight across and to the left of our house. It slowly got bigger as more water came down the drain from the south of the city. The drain to the right, on the corner slowly increased in volume and lifted a concrete cover that I reckon would weigh around 50kg. After the rain it re-seated itself.

The neighbours house had quite a swirl going on in the drive way and a river running into their backyard that terminated at their clothes line.

There was no real damage done in the immediate area, but we got to see [Melbourne the next day](#) and it was pretty washed out.

Other stuff; Clip was filmed using my Samsung camera and my new \$20 spy cams. Cos they where only \$20 I did not have an issue if they got a bit wet, they actually did well in the rain, but lack of white balance makes the shots a bit dark. I am hoping for a good flying day, as I have set-up a rig on the RC planes, and do some aerial filming, when it happens I'll post here and on Youtube of cause.

The spy cams film at 720 x 480, 1to1 pixel at 30 frames per second. I crop the top and bottom, then re render in [Avidemux](#) to 854 x 480 so I can get a reasonable 16:9 aspect and resolution. I also need to re render from the Samsung as it does 16:9 at 480p, but it applies an anamorphic compression to the picture for DVD. It took me a few shots to realise that, as you may notice in some of the earlier clips like [Noah's 1st birthday](#) .

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. From France, this guy does some great little tunes for various video applications. This track is

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called "Dark Secret" from his album called

["DRAMA - EMOTION"](#)

, he also has a heap of other short tracks for Fantasy, adventure and other stuff.

Lastly of cause, edited using [Kdenlive](#) , [Avidemux](#) , [Audacity](#) on the [Ubuntu](#) system. All free software that will run on most Linux systems, although you can get a BSD, Windows and MAC version of

[mux](#)

and

[Audacity](#)

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