Best playback settings for Emby and Silo

Settings that let films play directly, so they start fast and don't stop.

When the app can play a file as it is ("direct play"), films start quicker and never stop for transcoding. These settings make that happen.

1. **Quality at the maximum.** In the app: **Settings** → **Playback** → set **Video quality** (or **Streaming quality**) to **Original**, **Maximum** or **Auto**. Lower settings make the server convert every film.
2. **Subtitles only when you need them.** Set subtitles to **Off** or **Only forced**. Picture-based subtitles, common on 4K films, make the server convert the film. Text subtitles (SRT) are fine.
3. **Sound your setup can play.** If you have a soundbar or AV receiver, turn on **passthrough** (or **Bitstream**) for the formats it supports in the app's audio settings. With TV speakers only, leave passthrough off.
4. **Match the film.** On Apple TV: **Settings** → **Video and Audio** → **Match Content** → turn on **Match Dynamic Range** and **Match Frame Rate**. On Fire TV and Shield: **Display** settings → **Match original frame rate** and **Match content dynamic range** where offered.
5. **Use a cable for 4K.** 4K needs at least 25 Mbps. A network cable or the 5 GHz Wi-Fi gives the steadiest picture.

   > **Tip** If your internet is slow, a lower quality setting does help. The server converts the film to a smaller size, which can mean a short wait before it starts.

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