

DVD/CD Media and Drive Compatibility Chart



Drives		DVDMedia						CDMedia			
		DVD-R	DVD-RW	DVD+R	DVD+R DL	DVD+RW	DVD-RAM	CD-R	CD-RW	CD-ROM	CD-R Music
DVD-R Drive	Read	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓*	✓*	✓	✓
	Write	✓						✓*	✓*		✓
DVD-R/RW Drive	Read	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓*	✓*	✓	✓
	Write	✓	✓					✓*	✓*		✓
DVD-R/RAM Drive	Read	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓*	✓*	✓	✓
	Write	✓					✓				
DVD+R/RW Drive	Read	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓*	✓*	✓	✓
	Write			✓		✓		✓*	✓*		✓
DVD+R DL Drive	Read	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓*	✓*	✓	✓
	Write	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓*	✓*		✓
DVD+RW** Drive	Read	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓*	✓*	✓	✓
	Write					✓		✓*	✓*		✓
DVD±R/RW Drive	Read	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Write	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓*	✓*		✓
CD-ROM Drive	Read							✓		✓	✓
	Write										
CD Audio Drive	Read							✓		✓	✓
	Write										
Multi-Read Drive	Read							✓	✓	✓	✓
	Write										
CD-R Drive	Read							✓		✓	✓
	Write							✓			✓
CD-RW Drive	Read							✓	✓‡	✓	✓
	Write							✓	✓‡		✓
Audio CD-Recorder Drive	Read							✓		✓	✓
	Write										

‡ 1x-4x CD-RW discs are write-compatible with most standard first generation CD-RW drives, or drives featuring the High Speed or Ultra Speed logo.
 4x-10x High Speed CD-RW discs are write-compatible only with CD-RW drives featuring the High Speed or Ultra Speed logo.
 10x-24x Ultra Speed CD-RW discs are write-compatible only with CD-RW drives featuring the Ultra Speed logo.

* This is the most common. Compatibilities are based on specific drive manufacturers.
 ** Most of the new DVD+RW drives will also write DVD+R media.

NOTE: Newer drives being introduced are becoming more and more compatible with multiple media types. Compatibility depends on drive. Check with drive manufacturers for compatibility and speed.