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Recommended External Drive to Rip CDs

Question

Hello! I am completely new to the wonderful world of CDs. I am interesting in ripping CDs to digital files to put on my iPod. My computer does not have a built-in disc drive.

As I need to buy an external disc drive to rip CDs, my question is, does the disc drive I use matter? There are cheap options on Amazon but I would be willing to invest in something more expensive for better quality, but I'm not sure if an external drive is worth "investing" in, or if it truly doesn't matter and a cheap one will get the job done just the same. Any specific recommendations or guidance is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

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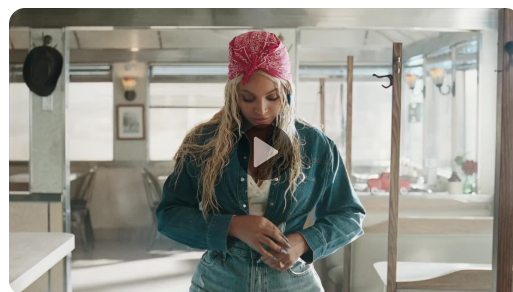
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I've found LG drives to be much more reliable than other brands.

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I have a Samsung which is at least 9 years old and still works pretty good. Only had to replace the mini USB cable in all this years. I also have a couple of LG drives that personally I find more noisy but that's all. I'd stay away from cheapo chinese Amazon ones. Anyways, maybe consider a bluray drive? I'm interested in one at the time, hehe.

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The accurateRip database collects information on how accurate cd drives are. Look up models you're considering. <http://www accuraterip.com/driveoffsets.htm>



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**OnlyMatters** • 2y ago • Edited 2y ago

From my understanding, when you rip a cd the software compares it to their database to make sure its a perfect copy. If not, it lets you know. It also records what kind of CD Drive you were using. It could be a scratched cd, or it could be your cd drive is a little worse than others. There may be a little bias (expensive drives may only be used to read brand new cds, cheap drives might be used to read more thrift store finds) but multiplied by tens of thousands of sessions, it's probably the most objective data you need on the subject.

I got an external Samsung that was high on the list. It was pretty inexpensive.

edit: The link above is for offsets, here's the link to the best and worst performing cd drives:

<https://forum.dbpoweramp.com/showthread.php?48320-CD-Drive-Accuracy-2022>



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if there are actual percentage accuracy for CD ripping, isn't it better to pay for digital hi-res.



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Best brand in this modern days: Pioneer

External drive + enclosure, is the best, Avoid slot loading drives.

I buy a \$50 drive ASUS and scratch some of my CDs, I was so mad so I buy the most expensive Pioneer unit \$290, is really well made and rips 4K UHD discs movies (I need it for movies too.

<https://www.pioneerelectronics.com/PUSA/Computer/Computer+Drives/BDR-S13U-X> solid really well made unit, maybe too much luxury for a Drive but my CDs are not cheap.

Check the other models, cost less but same good quality.

I rip with XLD Mac at 1x.



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I know this post is older, but I wanted to ask if you meant the [BDR-X13U-S](#) rather than the [BDR-S13U-X](#)

The one you mentioned is the internal drive (BDR-S13U-X), the external drive, confusingly is the (BDR-X13U-S).

I was wondering if you think they are the same core drive, just different models due to one being external.

I also was wondering if you're still happy with that drive? I've some very expensive rare CDs as well that I do not want damaged, so I'm looking for a pair of external drives for a dedicated CD-ripping PC.

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I have 3 that all work pretty well. An old Sony that is the fastest and has the best error correction; a new Asus from Amazon that I threw into an external case, and an internal Pioneer from an old PC that I had in an old box. They are all fine hundreds of discs later. But I've noticed on discs that are damaged, the Sony can crank through while the other two can take 15-20 hours. I don't think it matters too much if it's working ok and you crank up all the settings in EAC. But I think older ones are made better than new ones if you can find a used one. And you can put one in enclosure yourself.

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It's interesting. I think the most recent version of iTunes does not allow one to rip CDs anymore.

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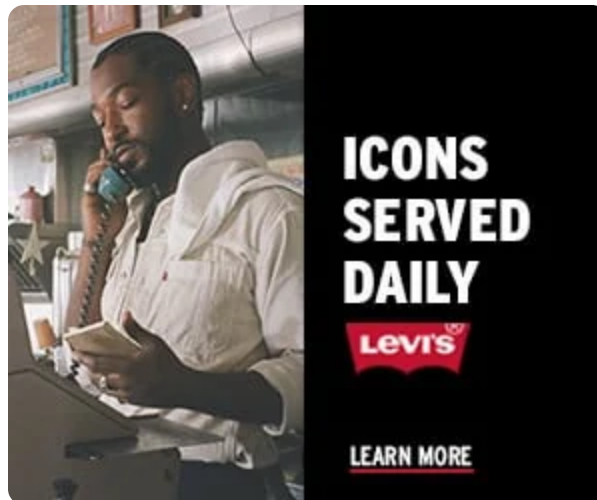
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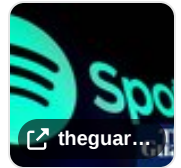
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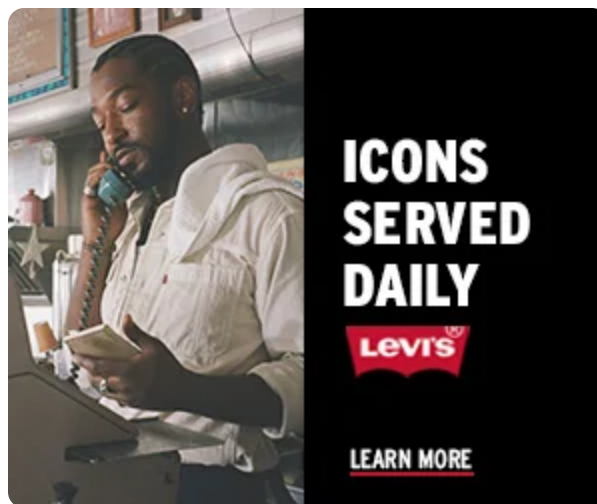
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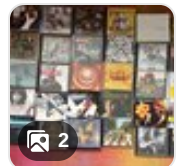
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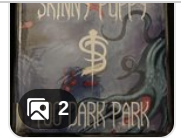


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Do you guys think this will ruin my cds stored this way?



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Storing CDs in binder with digipak. Am I cooked?



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my set up as a broke 20y/o going through their dad's old cds



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Does anyone else have blank cd cases in case a cd case breaks?



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