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External CD/DVD Usb drive purchasing advice & recommendations

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Hi, I'm looking at buying an external CD/DVD usb drive so I can rip music CD's (I buy 2nd hand for peanuts) onto my laptop, move to external storage, and install & play older games. I've not bought an external CD/DVD drive before, as every other laptop I've owned previously has had one built in. I'd really appreciate some recommendations on brands/models I should look for and any other advice you have on the process and usage of them please.

Many thanks.



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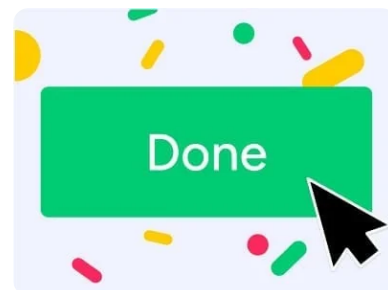
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You don't you have any of the old machines, you don't need much to just rip CDs?



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Unfortunately not. The last one just died so it got taken to a recycling place. Previous laptops went to my sister and she manages to break everything pretty quickly.

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I picked up an LG SP80NB80 when they had it on one of those deal of the day deals and I had some Best Buy rewards that were expiring that would pay for it. Point of all this information is that it was one of the cheapest options you could find, think it was priced under \$20. Had low expectations but it is great, I keep it in my bag and can watch or rip a DVD, or rip/copy/listen to a CD. Plugs in and powered by USB port. Very quiet which really surprised me as old CD/DVD drives used to be really noisy when you first put the drive in. Oh, and it is also a DVD/CD writer also, and says it writes at 8x speeds should you want go old school and make a mix CD.

Also handy when you get an installation CD/DVD with a new motherboard, which was really weird. Plus there are a lot of DVDs you can pick up for nothing that have movies/tv shows that never made it to streaming services.

I don't think you can even find a laptop with a DVD/CD drive, I think it was the casualty when they wanted to go thin, as most notebooks are have the thickness of the old drive.

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Thanks for the reply bud, appreciate the advice - was between an HP & an LG drive for around £22 and this helped me make my mind up - went with the LG.

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If you want "future proofing" to do stuff with bluray/uhd, check out the makemkv forums. The LG BU40N is popular for around \$100 USD.

However virtually any external drive you get is fine. I think buffalo makes one for sub \$40 and is generally reliable. When you get a no name, you'll have to work a bit to identify the right drivers of they don't install lickety split.

Buffalo MediaStation Portable DVD Drive/External, Plays and Burns DVDs and CDs with USB Connection. M-DISC Support. Compatible with Laptop, Desktop PC and Mac <https://a.co/d/bIT745g>

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Exact same situation here. looking at 30 dollar cd, dvd burner from eb. just avoiding (hoping to avoid) disappointment.

**MuelNado** [OP](#) • 1y ago

Well fingers crossed for you!

I ended up getting a £25 HP drive that I've used for HP & Dell laptops. Had zero issues with it, performed really well ripping CD's & playing games.

[+](#) 1 more reply**No_Frosting_7744** • 1y ago • Edited 1y ago

This should be a ps: Do certain brand laptops "prefer" certain brand burners? I have a new cd burner that someone told me was intended for the hp laptop it was bought to go with.

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