

Re: OT: DVD Writers

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On Mon, 2006-06-19 at 17:42 -0700, David E. Fox wrote:

On Thu, 1 Jun 2006 18:35:38 +0200 Chris wrote:

I know this is off-topic, but I am using a Debian box ;-) but can anyone recommend a decent DVD writer?

That said, I have an NEC dual-layer (IDE) - model ND-3520AW. I purchased it from a local (sunnyvale CA) outfit called Surplus Computers for \$50. I've had it working well for about a year now.

It's a nice drive, although I did have to flash its BIOS - that made it able to recognize a much larger variety of media, as well as burn them up to 16x speed.

I do have trouble from time to time on *_some_* RW media - burning works fine, but trying to read the same disk a few weeks or months later sometimes results in lots of bad sectors. This could easily be a storage/media issue (given my environment) than a hardware issue with the burner.

I recommend Plextor. A friend once tested a bunch of different burners and he now uses nothing but Plextor. I don't recall ever having trouble reading or burning any CDs or DVDs.

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