

# Click 'N Burn, Version 2.01

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LIST PRICE: \$49.95, Online prices as low as \$32.50 were found.

Available at: [www.clicknburn.com](http://www.clicknburn.com), Best Buy, Circuit City, CompUSA  
Fry's Electronics, Office Depot, Office Max, Sam's Club  
[Wal-Mart and Staples do NOT have it.]

## SUMMARY

Click 'N Burn is a CD burning program to write data and music on either CD-R or CD-RW disks. The package also includes Click 'N Design to create disk labels (reviewed separately), Click 'N Edit LE to edit audio, Veritas' Simple Backup, and Veritas' DLA (see below).

## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Windows 95 with IE4 or higher, Windows 98 SE, Windows Millennium (ME),  
Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP4, Windows 2000 Professional,  
or Windows XP Home & Professional  
Pentium 166 Mhz or faster  
At least 32 MB RAM  
Minimum 50 MB free HD space  
CD-recordable or CD ReWritable drive

## TEST SYSTEM

WIN98SE, AMD K6-2 w/MMX @ 350 MHz, 384 MB RAM,  
15 GB HD (+ 4 GB free), HP 9500i CD-RW drive

## INSTALLATION

Very smooth; no problems noted. See installation specifics under TEST REPORT. Each of the programs has its own entry in Windows' Add/Remove Software application.

## DOCUMENTATION

A 24-page booklet came in the package. It was enough.

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

is offered at: <http://www.clicknburn.com> or by telephone 949-250-6771. An email for assistance was answered on the next business day.

## TEST REPORT

This reviewer has had a CD-RW drive only six months and has no experience with CD burner software other than the bundle which came with the drive: HP's CD-Writer Plus and Adaptech/Roxio's DirectCD. Previous CD writing projects were limited to backing up data files to CD-Rs and a 400 MB PowerPoint presentation for the family. (30 copies so far.) Multiple copies of a 397 MB data disk were needed. One copy was first burned using HP's CD-

Writer Plus. It took 30 minutes to test writing speed, write the data, and verify the CD. CD-Writer moves smoothly through the three phases. Separate timings were not noted, but speed testing and verification seemed to be a small portion of the total; possibly only 5 minutes.

Next an installation of Click 'N Burn was attempted. It noticed that HP's software was present and offered to uninstall it. NO was chosen. After removing HP software the installation was restarted without incident. (See below: Veritas' DLA.)

The initial screen seems intuitive. Select the type of disk to be written; data, music, or a disk-to-disk copy. Select the CD drive to write. (There is only one in this machine. Click 'N Burn got it right, or there would be no review.) The type and status of media in the drive is also displayed. CD-Writer did not offer this information. Files to be added are chosen with an ADDFILE or ADDFOLDER button and browsing (Explorer style) to the desired item(s). This reviewer preferred to open Windows Explorer and drag and drop files and folders into Click 'N Burn's data list. These selection methods were shared with CD-Writer.

After selecting "**TEST AND IF OK, RECORD**" clicking the record button started the speed test. Since 16X-rated Verbatim CD-Rs were being used on a 12X-rated drive, 12X was selected. After a few minutes, it rejected and ejected the disk. 8X gave the same results. The third disk burned ok at 4X speed in 29 minutes and 20 seconds – a whopping 40-second savings! But the testing phase was very long and writing was relatively short. Something about that test phase was different from CD-Writer's test phase. On a hunch one of the rejected CD-Rs was "re-written." Unlike CD-Writer's rejects this was not a coaster; it wrote it in 24 minutes. A third copy was written skipping the test phase; 12 minutes 40 seconds. (The 4X limitation is being ascribed to the relatively slow system used. Anyone with a way to accelerate the burn rate please contact the reviewer.)

#### MUSIC CD

Click 'N Burn can record MP3 or WAV files of appropriate quality. 25 MP3 files were selected and entered in Click 'N Burn's track list. 4X and "**TEST AND IF OK, RECORD**" were chosen. Timings were not noted. The resulting music CD was playable with excellent fidelity in the burner and in three different audio cd players (A Technics changer, a boom-box, and a new clock radio-CD), but not in a 3-year-old Pioneer automobile CD player.

#### DISK-TO-DISK COPYING

One of the test disks was copied. No surprises. The HP burner read the source disk to a temporary HD file. The source was ejected and new media requested. It took only about 12 minutes to burn it.

#### SUMMARY

Click 'N Burn's "Starter" program runs smoothly and the interface is intuitive. Starter Program? Yes, this is a streamlined interface.

#### FULL APPLICATION

The "Full Application" (installed at the same time as the Starter) adds "global image" handling and writing of video CDs plus a few bells and whistles. The number of copies can be specified. When creating audio disks the gap between tracks can be specified; the Starter standardizes it at two seconds. Some details of verification can be user specified. All in all the differences seemed small enough, a single interface might have been preferred.

## PLUSES

Compared to HP's CD-Writer Click 'N Burn's Starter interface is intuitive, the speed is competitive and the test phase appears to be non-destructive. Coaster production is greatly reduced. The user interface is reasonably intuitive, especially in the Starter Application.

## MINUSES

The documentation is sketchy, but adequate for the Starter Application. There appears to be none for the Full Application. A download of the manual from the support site produced only a PDF file of the booklet in the box. Some features are obscured, at least to a CD novice. An inconsistency in terminology appeared in what documentation there is. A "PLUS" version of Click 'N Burn offers the ability to record up to four CDs simultaneously (if so equipped.) The booklet calls this HyperDrive. The product box calls it WarpDrive.

## VERITAS SOFTWARE

The Click 'N Burn CD contains two applications by Veritas Software: Simple Backup and Drive Letter Access (DLA).

## SIMPLE BACKUP

This application is not being reviewed since it would not install. Selecting it in the installer menu resulted in a few seconds delay and no disk activity. An email request to Support has not been answered in 10 days.

## DLA

Drive Letter Access is Veritas' name for packet writing. Adaptech/Roxio calls it DirectCD. Using either allows CD-RWs to be written and read in a CD-RW drive as if they were large diskettes.

Installation was very smooth. DLA detected DirectCD on this machine and offered to remove it. This time YES was selected. Removal was quick and apparently clean. No problems have been noted.

CD-RWs must be formatted or initialized before using in DLA. This process takes about 40 minutes, but after the first few minutes, DLA will run in the background. The PC is available for other work.

Once formatted the CD-RW can be written as if it were a diskette using Windows Explorer or other Windows applications. It can be read on a CD-RW drive on any machine with DLA installed. DLA's *Make Compatible* function will enable it to be read in most CD-ROM drives. (Certain older drives cannot read packet-written data.)

DLA handled a CD-RW written with DirectCD. The reverse was not tested.

## CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Click 'N Burn, despite its hokey name, delivers what it claims and does it more easily than some other software. Probably worth the price. Add the Click 'N Design label-making software (reviewed separately) and that changes to worth the price. If you need these functions, buy it.

DLA and DirectCD seem to have completely analogous functions. After limited use of both, there seems little reason to prefer one over the other

This reviewer is still looking for a slick, painless back-up scheme.