



About Your Optical DVD-ROM/CD-RW Drive

Your PowerBook comes with a DVD-ROM/CD-RW combo drive you can use to

- install or run programs from CD and DVD discs
- watch DVD-Video discs
- create your own music CDs and play them on any standard audio player
- record computer files, such as applications, documents, or other digital files, on CD-R and CD-RW discs

With a CD-R (CD-Recordable) disc, you can record information on the disc once. Although you can't change the recorded information, you may be able to add more information until the disc is full, depending on the application you use. See the documentation that came with your application for specific information about recording on your CD-R disc. It is best to use CD-R discs for recording audio CDs, because most audio CD players cannot read CD-RW discs.

With a CD-RW (CD-Rewritable) disc, you can save and change information on your CD multiple times. However, some software for recording media files on CDs, such as the iTunes Disc Burner feature, can record data on the disc only once.

Inserting a CD or DVD Disc

To install or use programs from a CD or DVD disc, follow these steps:

- 1 With the computer turned on, insert the disc (with the label facing up) into the drive slot until you feel the drive catch the disc and take it the rest of the way in.

Note: Some DVD discs are two-sided.

- 2 When the icon for the disc appears on the desktop, the disc is ready to use.

Ejecting a Disc

To eject a disc, do one of the following:

- Drag the disc icon to the Trash.
- Press and hold the Media Eject (⏏) key on the keyboard until the disc ejects.

In Mac OS 9, make sure that the Media Eject key has not been disabled in the Function Key portion of the Keyboard control panel.

If you can't eject the disc, try the following:

- Quit any applications that may be using the disc and try again.
- Restart your computer and hold down the trackpad button during startup until the disc ejects.

Playing DVD Discs

To play a DVD-Video disc on your PowerBook, insert the DVD disc. Apple DVD Player opens automatically and starts playing the disc.

If you use S-video to connect your PowerBook to a TV so that you can watch a DVD-Video disc on the TV screen, select 720 x 480 NTSC (in the United States) or 720 x 576 PAL (in Europe and other regions).

- *In Mac OS 9*, use the Resolution module in the Control Strip.
- *In Mac OS X*, use the Display tab of the Displays pane of System Preferences.

You can easily connect your PowerBook to your stereo system. Use a miniplug-to-RCA cable (not included) to connect the headphone port (🎧) on your PowerBook to the audio input ports on your stereo.

Recording on CD-R and CD-RW Discs

You can record music on CD-R or CD-RW discs right from your iTunes library.

- 1 Open iTunes, located in the Dock in Mac OS X and in the Control Strip in Mac OS 9.
- 2 Select the music you want to record.
- 3 Insert a blank CD-R or CD-RW disc.
- 4 Click Burn CD from the top of the iTunes window.

You can also record data on CD-R and CD-RW discs with Disc Burner.

- 1 Insert a blank disc in the CD drive.
- 2 In the dialog box that appears, enter a name for the disc and select a format. An icon for the CD will appear on the desktop.
- 3 Drag files and folders to the icon.
- 4 Select the disc and choose Burn CD from the Special menu in Mac OS 9, or drag the CD icon to the Burn CD icon in the dock in Mac OS X.

Important Your PowerBook's DVD-ROM/CD-RW combo drive supports standard circular 12 cm discs. Irregularly shaped discs or disks smaller than 12 cm are not supported. Non-circular disks may become lodged in the drive.

For More Information

For information about using iTunes to record music files on a CD-R disc, see the online help for iTunes in the Help Center. For instructions on using Apple DVD Player, open the player and then choose Apple DVD Player Help from the Help menu.

PowerBook Specifications

The information in this section contains updates to the specifications in the document *Getting Started With Your PowerBook G4*.

Memory and Hard Disk

- *Memory*: Minimum of 256 megabytes (MB); maximum of 1 gigabyte (GB)
- *Hard disk*: Minimum 20 GB

Size and Weight

- *Height*: 1.0 in. (26 mm)
- *Width*: 13.4 in. (341 mm)
- *Depth*: 9.5 in. (241 mm)
- *Weight*: 5.4 lbs. (2.4 kg)

Note: Weight varies depending on configuration and manufacturing process.