Optical drive

LiteON LTR-52327S

Lite in price, heavy in performance

INFORMATION
Price RM195
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Indications are that CD-RW drives have reached their peak. Well, this is partially true as CD-write speed and CD-read have already reached their ceiling speed for optimal performance.

However, the speed for CD-rewriting hasn't. LiteON launched their latest and fastest CD-RW drive in the market last month. It is the LiteON LTR-52327S, a 52x speed write, 32x rewrite and 52x read speed drive.

This drive has a 2MB buffer which is standard these days. It has BURN-proof protection and Mt. Rainier support. The bundled software with the drive is Nero Burning ROM, which is really easy to use and a great utility to have.

Performance

The LiteON LTR-52327S writes really fast, even faster than the LTR-52246S that our labs reviewed in the beginning of the year. Two minutes and 26 seconds is all it takes to burn a 638MB CD image on this drive. For the audio image burn test, it takes about two minutes and 21 seconds to complete. This is the fastest burn result so far for all the CD-RW drives tested in the PC Plus labs.

What's even better about this drive is that it only costs RM195 to get one. This is the cash-and-carry price though.

Don't get too happy yet though, as so far, there are no CD-RW media that support 32x write speed out in retail stores yet. Because of this reason, tests results for CD-RW rewrite speed is the same as the 24s.

So when will the media be out? We don't know because no one could give us answer by this issue went to print but since the LiteON is so affordable and fast in performance we reckon it deserves PC Plus's thumbs up. All hail the newest speed king on the block!

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PCPlus Verdict

FOR
✔ Fastest so far

AGAINST
✘ Way too fast?

VALUE	9
FEATURES	9
PERFORMANCE	9
OVERALL	9