



Price: Rs 5,750

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Liteon SOHW-1633S DVD±RW

The Liteon SOHW-1633S DVD±RW features a good 16x DVD-R writing speed and is very affordable. If you need to burn DVDs really fast, this is the thing for you. The package includes a blank 4x DVD+R disc and audio cable. Also included are Nero 6 Burning and PowerDVD playback software.

We tested the drive with the 16x media provided by Liteon and also checked the time the drive took to burn 4.3 GB of data on a 4x DVD-R—the result: 8 minutes 48 seconds. Very impressive.

But one thing that grated on us was the high CPU utilization, which we found out through the Nero test. Overall, the Liteon SOHW-1633S is a drive that could have performed slightly better if it had a higher cache. But at Rs 5,750, its price makes it impossible to ignore. Go for this product, and you will be more than satisfied with the 16x DVD writing speed that it offers.

Runners up

BenQ CB 482B CDRW-DVD Combo



This drive offers superb CD-writing performance along with support for a wide variety of standards.

Best of all, considering it is a DVD drive as well, it is very affordable. We couldn't find much to complain about, except that it takes a full 10 seconds to recognize a CD and show it in Windows Explorer!

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Krypton BCE 52321M



This 52x32x52 drive posted blazing results in the CD-writing and file copying tests. It took just 2 minutes 25 seconds to burn a 700 MB CD and 3 minutes 27 seconds to erase a 700 MB CD-RW disk. It logged less than half a second in the access time test.

Price: Rs 2,125, **Contact:** Priya Ltd,
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