

Lite-On SOHW-1213S Dual Format DVD Writer



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So what do I think of the SOHW-1213S? Well, just like the SOHW-832S, it is one hell of a nice unit which retails for a very low price. The performance is truly excellent in every regard and I did not get a single failed burn.

12X is certainly nice. Being able to burn off a DVD+R in under 7.5 minutes is a big bonus in my books. Plus, just like the 832S, the 1213S is a mean ripping machine thanks to SMART-X. And then there's the 48X CD Read/Write speed. That's a big bonus too.

The smaller size is also a great thing which helps in ways most people would not even consider (example: HTPC setups).

Still, it doesn't always hold up to its younger sibling, the 832S. The 1213S does not offer Dual Layer burning, and in most tests (save the DVD+R at 12X), the 832S bested the 1213S. Granted, the differences were often negligible, but they were still present and that is worth mentioning.

Pros

- 12X DVD+R - Very freakin' fast!
- 2MB Buffer
- Fantastic read/write speeds
- SMART-Burn
- SMART-X
- Great bundled software
- Price
- Media compatibility
- Smaller size
- CD Read/Write Speed = 48X
- CD overburn to 99 minutes

Cons

- Doesn't hold up to the 832S in most tests
- No Mount Rainier
- Doesn't support DVD-RAM

RANKING: **92.5%**

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