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Conclusion

During media read tests, the LITE-ON SOHW-832S did raised a couple of concerns with its seek time for CDs and DVDs. Although the drive did meet its rated seek time at 1/3 stroke for CDs and DVDs, an achievement not all optical drives can flaunt, it however scored rather poorly with its full stroke read tests. CPU resource usage were found to be low with the exception of the audio CD test being our only gripe in this area. Because of these various factors, we can only say that the LITE-ON SOHW-832S was only an average performer when it comes to accessing CDs and DVDs.

Although it didn't really shine in its read performance, the LITE-ON SOHW-832S had good CD DAE performance and fast ripping speed. In addition to that, the physical dimension of the unit, length in particular, has always been a strong selling point for LITE-ON optical drives and the SOHW-832S in this case is no exception as well.



The LITE-ON SOHW-832S came to us bundled with a rare and expensive piece of DVD+R DL media and we feel that this is really a bonus to users who cannot wait to experience DVD+R DL burning. LITE-ON's bundle is commendable and we believe users would view this rare bundle positively.

When it comes to price, our recent chat with LITE-ON's local distributor revealed a price revision in place for the SOHW-832S and as far as we know, the revision will position the drive as one of the most affordable '88' Double-Layer DVD writer around. Overall, we feel that the LITE-ON SOHW-832S has proven itself as a laudable continuation of their series of quality yet affordable optical storage drives. If you want a DVD drive with Double-Layer technology and don't mind its slower '88' write speed, the LITE-ON SOHW-832S should be worth the consideration.



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5.0 Stars	Perfect	4.5 Stars	Excellent
4.0 Stars	Very Good	3.5 Stars	Good
3.0 Stars	Above Average	2.5 Stars	Average / Fair
2.0 Stars	Below Average	1.5 Stars	Bad
1.0 Star	Very Bad	0.5 Star	Not Retail Worthy