

Liteon 4x4x12x

The Liteon DVD+R/+RW sports some of the most impressive speed specs in this comparison. After all, it's supposed to be a 4x4x12x DVD+RW drive as well as a 40x24x40x CD-RW drive. Naturally we'd expect a good showing in the benchmark results.

Nero DVD Speed revealed an average transfer rate of 8.96x and a random seek time of 98ms. At 1x speed, CPU usage was 1%. Disc recognition took 9.46s – not a flattering score. Then we fired up RecordNow DX and got a real shock. Data transfer of a 4.1GB data disc to a disc image took 7:01. If that wasn't good enough, burning a DVD+RW from that disc image took 12:50 – nearly nine minutes less than the next best result! This result blows away all

other competition for fastest burning speed.

Nero CD Speed yielded an average transfer rate of 29.57x. Random seek time was 121 while CPU usage at 8x was 14%. The only downside was that disc recognition took 11.35s.

The bundled DVD burner software is RecordNow DX. Other software

included with the drive includes MyDVD, DLA, Simple Backup, ShowBiz and PowerDVD.

Verdict

Reading and writing times are outstanding. If you want a specialised DVD+RW drive, this is the one.

