

# Re: CD won't write in XP

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Thanks Petey, Ken and Lizzie.

Petey, maybe I'll have to do what you say.

Lizzie, I did what you did, but, alas, no joy.

Ken, I checked all the CDs supplied with my Dell PC, and among them is Roxio Easy CD Creator. This application continues to work fine.

According to "Windows XP Inside Out", Windows Explorer describes its IMAPI CD-Burning COM Service as 'Used by the built-in CD-burning feature in Windows XP! (Appendix F: Managing Services, page 1306 in my book). The use of this built-in CD writing feature is described on pages 467 etc.

I was able to copy files to CD (by dragging and dropping or right clicking and sending to CD) since I got my PC over three years ago, until recently it stopped working. Obviously I can use Roxio and Nero for writing to CDs now. HOWEVER(!) another application (Exact Audio Copy) which I really want to continue using stopped writing to CDs at the same time, having worked for over a year.

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Maurice

"Ken Blake, MVP" wrote:

Petey wrote:

Probably a clean re install of xp, my unit's been doing the same for months, tried everything except clean install. Anyone else have any ideas??? Where's Ken Blake on this one?

Right here. Windows has no native ability to write to a CD simply by dragging files to it. You get such a facility only if you have third-party packet-writing software, such as Ahead Software's Incd, installed.

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Maurice, you say "has stopped writing files to CD." Did it ever work this way? If it did ,you had such third-pary software installed.

If it used to work, but now doesn't, clearly something is wrong with that software installation Tell us which product it was. You might want to try reinstalling it.

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Windows Explorer has stopped writing files to CD. When I  
drag a file  
to the  
CD drive, I get the error message "There is no disc in the  
drive.  
Please insert a writable CD into drive E:\.", even though  
there is a  
fresh CD in the  
drive. How can I fixt this problem, please?

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Maurice