

# Re: DVD drive installation

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Hello,

The unit is not an easy design. You have plenty of good solid information from all the posters. Go step by step and use the diagrams (print out) on the Dell site, mark each step as completed uninstalling and installing. Make sure you check the back of the old drive and set up new drive the same way.

A external drive needs very little interaction. Comes with basic instructions for a USB hardware install. Most times install the software and at some point the software ask to have the USB device plugged in ( make sure the device power is turned on before plugging into the USB port), not unlike a USB printer.

Windows XP should recognize the drive and assign a letter.

take care.

beamish.

"Jo-Anne Naples" wrote:

Thank you, Beamish! As I posted to Dave, I'm getting less confident about doing this myself. I hadn't thought, though, about getting an external drive. (I do have two drives installed and was planning to replace one of them.) That sure would e easier, wouldn't it?

Jo-Anne

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"Jo-Anne Naples" wrote:

I've decided to replace my nonwritable DVD drive with a writable one in my 5-year-old Dell Dimension 8250 desktop computer (running Windows XP Home and

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SP3). Is this something a complete novice can tackle, or should it be done in a shop? My local shop says it would cost \$49 for the drive and \$75 to install it—and it would come with software for burning discs. (I didn't know burning discs required extra software. For my CD drive I use either drag and drop or the ancient Easy CD Creator that came with my computer.)

Thanks much for your help!

Jo-Anne

Hello,  
No indication concerning the number of DVD drives installed. The Dell site indicates that two can be installed internally. If there is only one installed, you might consider keeping th