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"Wojo [MVP]" wrote:

Ok Rob lets try to start over here since there seems to be some misinterpretation.

The discs do or don't play at random. Does this mean that the ones that don't play will later (tomorrow or whatever) play or these ones NEVER play? Is it that the menu doesn't come up or you can't get past the menu or you just can't access the special features?

Do ALL these DVD's play on your home DVD player?

Have you tried letting the DVD's install the Interactual DVD player and used THAT to view the DVD?

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Wojo  
MVP – Windows Digital Media

Wojo's Web: [www.wojos-web.co.nr](http://www.wojos-web.co.nr)

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Please help,

Can someone please tell me what the missing link is?

The DVDs that I have tried in my desktop machine (those that work and those that don't) all work in my Dell laptop. So far it seems random that the discs don't play.

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The region code is set properly, the DVD drives work just fine (on some DVDs). I have tried the Nero 6 software and WMP 10 with the Nvidia decoder and still get the same results. Some DVDs play and some don't. The ones that do not play read "no disc in drive" or the drive is empty, take your pick. There has to be an explanation... can some one point me in the right direction?

Thanks.

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"Rob" wrote:

Hi,

I recently upgraded my system and I have 2 DVD drives that do not recognize DVDs. One is an older (5 years) Compaq DVD – ROM DV 5700B and the other is a Sony DVD RW DRU–700A (a little more than a year old). Both played DVDs before the system upgrade. I had a Western Digital HD that was a few years old and when I upgraded the other hardware in April I did a fresh install on that HD. At that time I had Nero suite 6 from the CD that was included with my Sony DVD drive and I installed that software and discovered the problem. I updated version 6 and that did not work and just for the heck of it I downloaded

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version 7 to see if there would be any change and there wasn't. I also had the IDE SW drivers installed from Nvidia but for this latest install I left them out to see if that might be the problem.

My newly upgraded system Abit KN8 SLI MB, 2048 Ultra PC 3200 DDR Ram, 2 GeForce 6600 Graphics cards, Ultra X-finity 600w PSU, and just recently (this week) 2 Seagate SATA 160 GB HDs. I have a fresh install of XP Pro SP2 with all updates, I have Nvidia drivers all updated, I installed the Nvidia video decoder so I could use WMP and I did not install Nero because... it did not work before.

I can play, burn, and rip CDs but nothing with DVDs, and I have tried several different types of media. The lights will come on for a few seconds and then the drive stops and reads like there is no disc. I upgraded the firmware for the Sony DVD RW drive and I used Sony's read and write test from the web. Apparently it does not test for DVD read or write capabilities. Today I reinstalled Windows again (I had some other issues) and the Sony Drive actually spun and attempted to read a DVD for over 1 minute... that is the most action for a DVD since April.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

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