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Asus DRW-1608P

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Specifications

Drive type

(Internal / External) Internal

Interface IDE

Buffer size 2MB

Speed 16x DVD+R,
DVD-R

Blank media N

Emergency eject Y

Weight 1kg

Suitable for Home User

Warranty 1 year/s

Price \$80.00

Scores

Performance ★★★★★

Feature ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

Overall ★★★★★

Overview

Verdict:

While the Asus DRW-1608DP didn't get a chance to shine in our benchmarks, the drive is future proof and includes a very decent software bundle.

On paper the Asus DRW-1608DP offers one of the most impressive specifications list in this exam.

The drive is capable of writing to both DVD+R and DVD-R media at 16x speed, while DVD+RW and DVD-RW media can be tackled head on at 8x and 6x (matched only by LiteOn's SOHW-1673s).

Where the drive really does shine however is when it comes to dual layer media, as it is capable of writing to this at 6x, which no other drive here can offer. Asus supplies Nero's OEM suite with the drive to handle every day writing duties, plus Disc Creator from Ulead is also supplied for budding DVD video enthusiasts.

Despite the list of impressive specifications, the Asus walked away with average performance numbers overall. Like all the other contenders in this group test, the DRW-1608DP is speed constrained to an extent by the media available.

It completed the DVD+R and DVD-R burn tests in eight minutes three seconds and eight minutes 22 seconds. Its DVD+R performance was the fourth quickest in the test, edging out the identically priced LG GSA-4163B by five seconds.

The Asus is a quiet operator in use owing to its DDSS II (Double Dynamic Suspension System), which reduces drive vibration and provides enhanced reading and playback performance.

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