




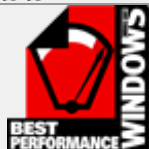


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## Product Specifications Comparison Sheet

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| <b>Product</b>                          |    |   |   |    |    |
|   | <b>Asus DRW-1608P</b>   | <b>LG GSA-4163B</b>   | <b>LiteOn SOHW-1673S</b>   | <b>MSI DR16-B2</b>  | <b>Samsung TS-H552</b>  |
| <b>Release date</b>                     | –   | –   | –  | –   | –   |
| <b>Price</b>                            | \$80  | \$80  | \$79   | \$117   | \$73  |
| <b>Suitable for</b>                     | Home User   | Home User   | Home User  | Home User   | Home User   |
| <b>Overall Score</b>                    | ★★★★★   | ★★★★★   | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★   | ★★★★★   |
| <b>Editor's Rating</b>                  | –   | –   | –  |    | –   |
| <b>Verdict</b>                          | 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. | With its refreshed pricing and class-leading DVD standard compatibility, the LG GSA-4163B has been transformed into a far more appealing buy. | While not the cheapest drive here, the LiteOn SOHW-1673S offers good value and those interested in media back-ups should definitely take note. | A rich software bundle coupled with top performance when working with either +R or -R media balances out the MSI's above-average selling price. | Though not as fast as the identically priced BenQ DW1620 Pro, the Samsung TS-H552 will slip into even the most cramped small form factor PCs with ease. |
| <b>Review date</b>                      | March 28, 2005  | March 29, 2005  | March 28, 2005   | March 29, 2005  | March 28, 2005  |
| <b>Specifications</b>                   |   |   |  |   |   |
| <b>Drive type</b> (Internal / External) | Internal  | Internal  | Internal   | Internal  | Internal  |
| <b>Interface</b>                        | IDE   | IDE   | IDE  | IDE   | IDE   |
| <b>Access time</b>                      | –   | –   | –  | –   | –   |
| <b>Buffer size</b>                      | 2MB   | 2MB   | 2MB  | 2MB   | 2MB   |
| <b>Speed</b>                            | 16x DVD+R, DVD-R  | 16x DVD+R, DVD-R  | 16x DVD+R, DVD-R   | 16x DVD+R, DVD-R  | 16x DVD+R, DVD-R  |
| <b>Blank media</b>                      | N   | N   | N  | N   | N   |
| <b>Emergency eject</b>                  | Y   | Y   | Y  | Y   | Y   |
| <b>Compatible OS</b>                    | –   | –   | –  | –   | –   |
| <b>Recording software</b>               | –   | –   | –  | –   | –   |
| <b>Dimensions</b> (WxHxD)               | –   | –   | –  | –   | –   |
| <b>Weight</b>                           | 1kg   | 0.9kg   | 0.9kg  | 1kg   | 0.7kg   |
| <b>More Specs</b>                       | –   | –   | –  | –   | –   |
| <b>Warranty</b>                         | 1 year/s  | 1 year/s  | 1 year/s   | 1 year/s  | 1 year/s  |