
NEC Versa

Installing the NEC CD-RW Software

Congratulations on purchasing the NEC Versa® notebook computer equipped with a CD-RW drive! The NEC Versa CD-RW drive features the latest in CD-ROM technology. It is fully compatible with Kodak Multisession Photo CDs™ and standard audio CDs.

You can use your CD-RW drive to load and start programs from compact discs or to play audio CDs while you work or relax. With the Microsoft® Windows® operating system, you can also play full-length CD-i movies. Additionally, with the included application software, you can write information to a CD.

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The NEC CD-RW Software CD

The NEC CD-RW software CD contains two applications, Easy CD Creator and DirectCD, which need to be installed so you can use the CD-RW functions of the CD-RW drive. The following sections provide the installation instructions for the applications.

Installing Easy CD Creator

Easy CD Creator is an application that allows you to create data and audio CDs. Follow these steps to install Easy CD Creator.

1. Insert the NEC CD-RW software CD into the CD-RW drive. The Adaptec Master Setup screen appears. If the CD does not load automatically, do the following.
 - Double click on My Computer on the Windows desktop.
 - Double click on the CD drive. The Adaptec Master Setup screen appears.
2. Select your language.
3. Click Easy CD Creator.
4. The Adaptec Easy CD Creator Setup screen appears. Click Next.
5. The Software License Agreement appears. Click Yes to accept.
6. The Choose Destination Location dialog box appears with the default path as C:\Program Files\Adaptec.
 - Accept the default location or choose an alternate location.
 - Click Next.
7. Easy CD Creator is installed. When the installation completes, click Finish.
8. A dialog box appears asking if you want to install Adobe Acrobat Reader to access the Quick Reference Guide.
 - Click No if Acrobat Reader is already installed on the system. Go to step 9 to continue.
 - Click Yes to install Acrobat Reader (it installs after the system restarts). Go to step 9 to continue.
9. The Adaptec Master Setup screen appears. You can either select DirectCD or Exit.
 - Select DirectCD to continue. Go to “Installing DirectCD,” step 3, to continue.
 - Select Exit and click Finish if you want to install DirectCD at a later time. The system restarts and Acrobat Reader installs (if you selected Yes in step 8, above).

Installing DirectCD

DirectCD lets you write files directly to the CD in the CD-RW drive. Follow these steps to install DirectCD.

1. Insert the NEC CD-RW software CD into the CD-RW drive. The Adaptec Master Setup screen appears. If the CD does not load automatically, do the following.
 - Double click on My Computer on the Windows desktop.
 - Double click on the CD drive. The Adaptec Master Setup screen appears.
2. Click on DirectCD.
3. The DirectCD Note dialog box appears. Click Yes.
4. The DirectCD Welcome screen appears. Click Next.

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5. The Software License Agreement appears. Click Yes to accept.
 6. The Choose Destination Location dialog box appears with the default path as C:\Program Files\Adaptec\DirectCD.
 - Accept the default location or choose an alternate location.
 - Click Next.
 7. The Select Program Folder dialog box appears. Click Next.
 8. DirectCD is installed. When the installation completes, the Adaptec Master screen appears. Click Exit.
 9. Click Finish to restart the system.

Running under Windows NT

For the NEC Versa VXi system only, NEC Computers recommends that you disable the Save-to-File power management feature before writing to a CD. The CD-RW software running under Windows NT does not support ACPI functions, and the system may go into a Save-to-File state even though the drive is busy.

Note Disable the Save-to-File feature before creating CDs.

If the system goes into a Save-to-File state during CD creation, the resulting CD will have errors, and will have to be created again.

While the CD creation does resume once the system comes out of the Save-to-File state, the message, "Errors reported by output device" appears, and the resulting CD does not function properly.

For information on disabling the Save-to-File setting in Windows NT systems, see the BIOS Setup sections of your NEC Versa user's guide.

Recommended Media

NEC Computers recommends the following media branding for best read and write performance:

- Read:
 - 3M Corporation
 - Hitachi
 - IMATION
 - Kao
 - Memorex
 - Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation
 - Panasonic
 - Phillips
 - Ricoh Co. Ltd.
 - SONY
 - Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd.
 - TDK Corporation
 - Teijin
 - Yamaha
- Read/Write:
 - Kao
 - Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation
 - Ricoh Co. Ltd.
 - Memorex

With other media, the sensitivity settings are not configurable so only default settings can be used during CD creation. As a result, the CD being created may not be readable.

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