
Subject: CD won't play!

Posted by [Kripes](#) on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 12:33:20 GMT

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I burned a CD several years ago and play it regularly in the CD player in my car but when I brought it indoors to let someone listen to it, it wouldn't play on my Windows Media player! I wonder why not?

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 16:00:10 GMT

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Hi, an all too frequent problem. The lasers used to burn disks both cd and especially dvd now are not all created equal and likewise the players are not all identical in how they read them. You would think they ought to be, but not so. Manufacturers of players now routinely put a disclaimer about playing burnt disks. I just replaced a dvd player because it didn't like the disks my pc would make. A second issue sometimes occurs in which the brand of disk can be the problem, true it burned, but the pits are not distinct enough for the player to read. In any case the only real solutions are find a home unit that will play them, or burn a new copy on some other machine.

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [Freddy](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 07:48:36 GMT

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That's interesting Bruce, I had no idea that the problem was that complicated. I always thought that the main cause was the brand of the disk, since I've had consistent problems with certain brands. I didn't realize the lasers and players had so much variation.

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 16:32:34 GMT

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Hi, the quality of the disk can be an issue as well. I use good disks for recording. Of note is that there does seem to be a slight difference in disks listed as audio (for music) and general data disks. I have never found a good answer as to what the difference is. When I use audio disks for music I never have problems, when I use data ones there is an occasional hiccup.

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [LoveJB](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 23:52:01 GMT

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Wow, interesting. I always thought that I had just bought the wrong type of disc too. I did not know that discs, lasers and players were so technical. It's good to know now.

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [Hussy8026](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 19:43:18 GMT

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I think you should check your cd ROM in your Pc/other device(like cd player) Because you told it is able to play on your car.

And I want to mention one more thing that sometimes it happen by the week or old cd ROM.
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Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [DJ Dave](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2011 20:17:14 GMT

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Maybe it's warped. They may have left it in their car and it melted. But, then, again, you would probably see that. Does it spin in the CD player at all?

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [mixinlady](#) on Thu, 29 Dec 2011 14:25:31 GMT

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There are a number of things that can cause this problem. The age of the disc and difference between the devices used to play it are the top contenders for causing problems. Also, you said you kept it in your car, which is harder on the disc than just sitting on a shelf.

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [Drury](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 14:57:23 GMT

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I have several burned discs that won't play on a CD player but are ok on the computer. It's annoying but interesting to read more about why this happens. I may just switch to using the PC for music all the time as the player is unreliable with store bought CDs too.

Subject: Re: CD won't play!

Posted by [Nymeria](#) on Thu, 12 Jan 2012 16:12:27 GMT

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Yes, I've run into this issue as well, although not as much in recent years. It can be very irritating to burn a CD on my computer but not be able to use it anywhere else.

Storing CDs in the car definitely doesn't help with their longevity though.
