

Re: Looking for DVD combo drive

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Dirk Bruere wrote:

Michael Black wrote:

Dirk Bruere (dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx) writes:

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Dirk Bruere <dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx>
wrote:

Rene Tschaggelar wrote:

Dirk Bruere
wrote:

...
that
does
not
have
a
tray
that
feels
like
flimsy
plastic
crap.
Does
anyone
do
one?
Such
mech
info
seems
extremely

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difficult
to

find.

I'm
looking
for
the
kind
of
'quality'
mechanism
found
on
high
end
CD
players
(but
obviously
I
also
need
DVD
functionality).

With a
target price
of 30\$, you
only
get plastic
crap. You
can always
bring one
to your
local
mechanic
and have it
remade
from
whatever
material.

The target price is <\$200

Now, order ten thousand at that price, and
you may get beautiful

results.

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With onlies, you are not going to get quality for \$200.

I'm not talking about complete CD/DVD players, but drives. You know – the ones people put in computers to read/write DVD/CDs.

Typical price for crap – \$30.

What quality ones exist?

Dirk

I paid hundreds of dollars for my first 5.25" floppy drive, in 1984, and by then the price had dropped considerably. I paid something like \$80 for my first 3.5" floppy drive, it was only single-sided, in 1989. My first hard drive, in late 1993, was hundreds of dollars.

When you're paying that kind of money, you can expect things to stand up well. But when you have to squeeze costs in order to reach a price level that consumers demand, then of course things get flimsy. Yes, some of cost reduction is due to a greater market, and some to higher integration, but mechanical parts are often a means of cutting costs. People want cheap, but on the other hand they aren't expecting to repair things. They'll pay thirty dollars for a drive, and then not worry when they have to replace it, for another thirty dollars. They know it would cost more to have it repaired.

Keep the price high, and that limits who will buy. But it gives far more leeway for good construction, and when people are paying good money for something, they are more willing to spend a percentage of that money to keep the item running.

The thing is, high quality drives *are* used in top end AV equipment. I'd just like to know what they are and who makes them.

Dirk

pretty much the same people, what you want can usually be found from broadcasters suppliers. Over 400 US\$ though.

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JosephKK

Gegen dummheit kampfen die Gotter Selbst, vergebens.

--Schiller

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