# ARS-2039A Copy Controller

# **User's Manual**

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Attention:

Wait over 5 seconds to power on after shutdown to prevent the abnormal operation of the system.



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# **Chapter 1** Introduction

# **1.1 Overview**

ARS-2039A is a 1-to-9 copy controller supporting 16X DVD writers. Through the LCD and the 4 buttons on the panels, you can copy text, audio or video CD/DVD easily and quickly. It is fit for companies' small amount of reproduction.

Usually if you want to back up a lot of CD/DVDs, you have to boot the computer, and do the job via a recording program. It takes time to learn how to use the software and more time to execute the recording. In view of this, ACARD has launched ARS-2039A for you to copy discs without efforts.

ARS-2039A is a valuable product of technology. You can use it as a standalone copy controller.

# **1.2 Features**

- Standalone IDE to IDE DVD copy controller
- Totally independent without installing hardware or software
- Supports a 3.5" SATA hard drive
- Supports high-speed 1-to-9 DVD copying
- A user-friendly interface with LCD showing message
- Optional functions for applications

# **1.3 Specifications**

- ACARD ARC810 CPU
- ACARD 866 IDE processor
- 64MB DDR memory
- 10 independent IDE channels
- One SATA channel
- $2 \times 16$  LCD
- Four membraned buttons on the panel
- 512 KB flash memory for copy code
- Firmware update via DVD-ROM
- Power Voltage: 5V±5%, Current: 1.5A Max
- Environment Operation: 0°C to 60°C Nonoperation: -20°C to 85°C
- Humidity 15% to 90%
- Dimension  $D 225 \times W 150 \times H 42 \text{ mm}$

# **1.4 System Requirement**

- Upright external case  $11/12 \times 5.25$ "
- Power supply : 300 watt or above
- ATA133 cable (35 cm)
- DVD-ROM×1
- DVD writer  $\times$  9
- Hard drive (optional)
- HDD tray (optional)

# **Chapter 2 Hardware Installation**

Before installing 2039A, notice that there are three kinds of packages: the copy controller only, a whole copying system and a system without DVD drives.

# 2.1 Copy Controller Only

- Unpack the package, and examine if there is any defect or malfunction.
- Prepare a DVD-ROM.
- Prepare 9 DVD writers.
- Prepare a 3.5" hard drive (optional).
- All IDE devices are in Master mode.
- Be sure that the wattage of power supply is sufficient.

# 2.2 A Whole System

- Unpack the package, and examine if there is any defect or malfunction.
- Prepare a 3.5" hard drive (optional).
- Be sure that the wattage of power supply is sufficient.

# 2.3 A System without DVD Drives

- Unpack the package, and examine if there is any defect or malfunction.
- Prepare a DVD-ROM.
- Prepare 9 DVD writers.
- Prepare a 3.5" hard drive (optional).
- Be sure that the wattage of power supply is sufficient.

# 2.4 Install ARS-2039A

The installation of ARS-2039A with an IDE DVD-ROM and 9 IDE DVD writers.





The installation ARS-2039A with a SATA hard drive, an IDE DVD-ROM and 9 IDE DVD writers.

Don't connect writers to IDE bus 4 and 5 when 2039A is used as 1-to-7 model.





The following diagram and pictures indicate the installation of ARS-2039A Copy Controller with Hybrid Source. The controller could use either IDE or SATA HDD as copy source.



# 2.5 The Board Layout



# **Chapter 3 Basic Instructions**

# 3.1 Buttons and LCD

There are 4 membraned buttons and an LCD on the panel of ARS-2030A/2035A/ 2037P.



1. It shows all functions and messages.

2. It is used to scroll up through functions or menus.

- 3. It is used to scroll down through functions or menus.
- 4. It is used to execute a selected function.
- 5. It is used to cancel a selected function.

Here we take ARS-2037P to demonstrate.



Figure 1 shows the firmware version of ARS-2037P. Figure 2 shows that OS booting takes 20 seconds or so. It depends on how many writers you have installed.

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Figure 3 shows the first function Copy. There are 12 functions. You can press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see other functions.

# **3.2** About HDD Installation

HDD installation is not necessary, but with a hard disk you can use the function of Image. In other words, you have one more choice to reproduce a DVD from an image file stored in the hard drive. The following two subsections are about installing a 3.5" SATA hard drive and not installing respectively.

#### Identify two different kinds of cables before hardware installation.

1. Two connectors for DVD-ROM or optional HDD



#### 3.2.1 With a HDD

If you have installed a 3.5" SATA hard drive to your copy controller, you need to operate according to the following procedures.

- Once your copy controller detects the hard disk, it will ask if you want to format. A 30GB of hard drive can be divided into 6 partitions. In DVD a partition occupies 5GB, in CD 1GB and in DL 10GB.
- Use function 8 Select Source to set the hard drive as the source.
- In function 9 Image, select a partition to store the data.
- If there is no data in a selected partition, place a source DVD into DVD-ROM, and use function 9-01 Load to transmit data from DVD into the selected partition by pressing **ENT**. Different data can be stored in different partitions.
- Switch to function 1 Copy by pressing  $\blacktriangle$ . Place blank DVDs into DVD writers, and press **ENT** to start copying.
- When copying comes to an end, the passed DVDs will eject automatically. The default is ejecting automatically, but you can change it.
- The failed DVDs will remain in the writers. The default is keeping failed DVDs in the writers, but you can change it. To take the failed DVDs you need to press the "eject" buttons on the writers.
- During operation do not press any button on your copy controller, because interruption will harm the device, and DVDs will be damaged, too.

#### **3.2.2** Without a HDD

If you haven't installed a 3.5" SATA hard drive to your copy controller, you need to operate according to the following procedures.

- Place a source DVD into DVD-ROM.
- Switch to function 1 Copy by pressing ▲ . Place blank DVDs into DVD writers, and press ENT to start copying.
- When copying comes to an end, the passed DVDs will eject automatically. The default is ejecting automatically, but you can change it.
- The failed DVDs will remain in the writers. The default is keeping failed DVDs in the writers, but you can change it. To take the failed DVDs you need to press the "eject" buttons on the writers.

# **Chapter 4** Functions

There are 8 major functions in the copy controller, and there are subfunctions in Function 6, 7, and 8 as the following figures show.



In Function 7 there are 19 subfunctions.



In Function 8 there are 12 subfunctions.



\* This is a special function. See P. 50.

# **4.1 Copy**

Function 1 Copy is to copy data from a source DVD directly into blank DVDs. Before copying be sure that the source DVD is placed into DVD-ROM, or there are data in a certain HDD partition if you have installed a hard drive.

Select function 1. Put a source DVD into DVD-ROM and blank DVDs into the DVD writers. A rewriteable DVD containing old data is also usable, but the old data will be automatically erased.

1.Сору	

After the DVD-ROM and DVD writers detect DVDs, press **ENT** to start copying. LCD will show the copying information as follows.

```
Copying- DVD 0%
4384MB 7:30
```

When copying is in progress, MB and time will decrease while the percentage of completion will increase. "MB" means the size of data that you want to copy.

When copying comes to an end, LCD will show the results as follows. The passed DVDs will eject automatically.

1.Copy	
OK: 09	

# 4.2 Test & Copy

Function 2 Test & Copy is to test first and then copy actually.

Select function 2. Put a source DVD into DVD-ROM and blank DVDs into the DVD writers.

2.Test & Copy

Press ENT to start simulation. LCD will show the testing information as follows.

Testing- DVD 0% 4384MB 7:30

When the test finishes, actual copying will begin as shown below.

```
Copying- DVD 0%
4384MB 7:30
```

When the whole process finishes, LCD will show the results as follows.

2.Test & Copy OK: 09

Note that those discs that have passed the test will be copied right away while those that haven't won't be.

# 4.3 Prescan

Function 3 Prescan is to scan if the source DVD can be read correctly, and by the way to test the reading speed.

Select function 3. Put the source DVD into DVD-ROM.



Press ENT to prescan. LCD will show the scanning information as follows.



When scanning finishes, and the source DVD can be read correctly, LCD will show the results as follows.



# 4.4 Disc Info

Function 4 Disc Info is to show the basic information of source DVD.

Select function 4. Put the source DVD into DVD-ROM.

4.Disc Info

Press ENT, and LCD will show the DVD information as follows.

Disc Type: DVD-ROM Capacity: 4384MB

# 4.5 Select Source

Function 5 Select Source is to let you select the data on DVD-ROM, DVD writers or HDD as the source from which copying will be done.

Select function 5.



Press ENT, and then press  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to select the source as shown below.



After selecting the source such as DVD-ROM, you can press **ENT**, and LCD will show the message as follows.

DVD-ROM	selected!	
	Selected!	

Г

Suppose you select HDD as the source and try to copy from one of its partitions, but the partition contains no data, an error message will appear on LCD. At this moment,

you can switch to another partition that contains data, or use function 6 Image to load the data into the chosen partition first.

# 4.6 Image

Function 6 Image is valid only when you have installed a hard drive. This function includes 8 subfunctions: Load, Delete Image, Image Info, Compare Image, Select Image, Image Src Drive, Image Format Info, and Edit. The loaded data is called an image file.

Select function 6.

6.Image

# 4.6.1 Load

Now press **ENT**, and you will see the following figure. Here the function Load is to let you load data from DVD-ROM or any one of the DVD writers into the current partition of the hard drive. "P:A" means partition A.

6-01. Image	P: A
Load	

Press ENT to load. LCD will show the loading information as follows.

Load- A -	DVD 0%
4384MB	7:30

After the image file is successfully loaded, LCD will show the results as follows.



If there is an image file existing in the current partition, the system will ask you whether to overwrite it or not. Please use  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to confirm Yes or No.

Image Exists Overwrite?Yes

#### 4.6.2 Delete Image

If you want to delete an image file stored in a particular partition, you can use the function Delete Image to do so. First, select the function by pressing  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ .



The system will ask if you are sure to delete. Use  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to confirm Yes or No.

Delete Image in Partition A?Yes After the image file is deleted, LCD will show the results as follows.

Partition A: Image is deleted

#### 4.6.3 Image Info

This function is to show the basic information of an image file stored in a particular partition. First, select the function by pressing  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ .

6-03. Image	P: A
Image Info	

Press ENT, and LCD will show the information of the image file as follows.

```
Disc Type: DVD-ROM
Capacity: 4384MB
```

## 4.6.4 Compare Image

This function is to compare the contents of the source DVD and those of the image file in the partition. First, select the function by pressing  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ .

6-04. Image P: A Compare Image

Press ENT, and LCD will show the comparison information as follows.



When comparison comes to an end, LCD will show the results as follows.

Compare	OK: 1
Fail: 0	Diff: 0

Press ENT to see the details of the source as shown below.

```
Src: 01DVD-ROMTotal:4384MB
```

Press **ENT** to see the details of the target. If the comparison is identical, LCD will show the message as follows.



If comparison fails, LCD will show the failure. By pressing **ENT** twice, LCD will show that the contents of the source and those of the target don't match as follows.



#### 4.6.5 Select Image

This function is to select a partition in the hard drive. First, select the function by pressing  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ .



After installing a hard drive, your copy controller will format it automatically. Each partition occupies 5GB. The number of partitions is dependent on the hard drive's capacity. The partitions are alphabetically arranged. Select a partition by pressing  $\blacktriangle \nabla$ , and LCD will show the message as follows.

Select	Partition
A: DVD	4384MB

After the partition is selected, LCD will show the results as follows.



#### 4.6.6 Image Src Drive

This function is to select DVD-ROM or any of the DVD writers as the source from which you can load data into a particular partition as an image file.

First, select the function by pressing  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ .



Then, use  $\blacktriangle$   $\triangledown$  to select DVD-ROM or any of the DVD writers as the source.

Select Img Src: 01 IDE1 DVD-ROM

After selecting the source such as DVD-ROM, you can press **ENT**, and LCD will show the message as follows.

Load image from Drive ID-01

#### 4.6.7 Image Format Info

This function is to see how you have formatted your hard drive. It is related to function 13.4 Format HDD. There are 3 formats for choice: CD, DVD, and DL (Double Layer).

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure.



Press **ENT** to see the following figure. This figure shows that the hard drive has been formatted as DVD.

Image Format Info	
DVD	

If your hard drive is a new one and not formatted yet, LCD will show the message as follows after powering on.

HD00 not Format! Format HDD? Yes

Press ENT to confirm Yes, and you will see the following figure.

HD Partition Format Select? DVD

You can press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select CD or DL.

# 4.6.8 Edit

This function is to name a certain partition, but only when the partition contains an image file can title editing be valid. First, select the function by pressing  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ .

6-08. Image	P: A
Edit	

Press ENT. A title should be composed of 1 to 13 characters. The character can be A, B, C, etc. or 1, 2, 3, etc. or the combination of both. Use  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to select the number or alphabet. After selecting a desired one, press ENT.

Edit Title	
?	

After keying in the title, press ENT to see the following figure.



Sub1 Title lets you key in a subtitle 1. You can press **ENT** again to key in a subtitle 2. When title editing is completed, you will see the next figure.

Edit Title OK!

# 4.7 Setup

Function 7 Setup lets you change the default settings. Once you change a setting, remember to press **ENT** to save it. However, it is suggested to use the defaults for the optimal operation. This function includes 19 subfunctions: Language, CD Burn Speed, DVD Burn Speed, Read Speed, Auto Start Drive, Startup Menu, Auto Verify, Auto Compare, Burn On The Fly, Burn Mode, Display Time, Button Sound, Device Info, System Info, Quick Erase, Full Erase, Auto Close Tray, Quick Compare, and Audio Burn Speed.

Select function 7.

#### 4.7.1 Language

Now press **ENT**, and you will see the following figure. The function Language lets you select a language in which messages can be shown on LCD.

7-01. Setup	
Language	

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is English. Spanish, Japanese, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese are made to order.

Language	
English	

#### 4.7.2 CD Burn Speed

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. This function lets you control the burning speed of CD writers.

7-02. Setup CD Burn Speed

Press ENT to see the following figure. The default is auto.

CD Burn Speed Auto

#### 4.7.3 DVD Burn Speed

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. The function DVD Burn Speed lets you control the burning speed of DVD writers.

7-03. Setup DVD Burn Speed

Press ENT to see the following figure. The default is maximum.

DVD Burn Speed Maximum

## 4.7.4 Read Speed

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. The function Read Speed lets you control the reading speed of target CDs.



Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is maximum, but there are other choices: 32X, 16X and 8X.

Read Speed Maximum

# 4.7.5 Auto Start Drive

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Auto Start Drive is to copy or test automatically once you put blank DVDs into the writers.

7-05. Setup Auto Start Drive

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is Off. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select 1 (one blank DVD).

Auto Start Drive Off

#### 4.7.6 Startup Menu

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Startup Menu lets you select any one of the functions except Adv Setup as the first item appearing on the menu whenever you turn on the copy controller.

7-06. Setup Startup Menu

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is Copy. You can certainly select any other function as the first item, but remember to press **ENT** to confirm.

Startup Menu	
1.Сору	

#### 4.7.7 Auto Verify

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Auto Verify is to verify automatically if the target DVDs can be read after copying.

7-07. Setup Auto Verify

Press ENT to see the following figure. The default is Off.

Auto Verify	
Off	

You can press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select On.

Auto Verify	
On	

#### 4.7.8 Auto Compare

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Auto Compare is to compare automatically the source DVD and the target DVDs after copying.

7-08. Setup Auto Compare

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is Off. Press **▼** to select On.

Auto Compare	
Off	

#### 4.7.9 Burn On The Fly

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Burn On The Fly lets you control the copying methods. When the setting is On, the data will be copied directly from the source DVD to the target DVDs. When the setting is Off, the data will be loaded into a partition of HDD first, and hence copying will be done.

7-9. Setup Burn On The Fly

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is On. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select Off.



If your copy controller doesn't connect a hard drive, LCD will show the message as follows.

No Valid HDD !

#### 4.7.10 Burn Mode

Now press **ESC** to return to Function 9, and then select part 10 Burn Mode as the following figure shows. Burn Mode lets you control the burning modes. There are two modes: DAO (Disc At Once) and TAO (Track At Once). They only support CD. If the DVD writer doesn't support the mode you have selected, the copy controller will automatically switch to another mode.

7-10. Setup	
Burn Mode	

Press **ENT** to see the next figure. The default is DAO. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select TAO.

Burn Mode DAO

#### 4.7.11 Display Time

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Display Time is to show the copying time.

7-11. Setup Display Time

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is On. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select Off.

Display	Time
On	

# 4.7.12 Button Sound

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Button Sound lets you control the sound of a button when you press it.



Press **ENT** to see the next figure. The default is On. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select Off.

<b>Button Sound</b>	
On	

#### 4.7.13 Device Info

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Device Info shows the information of the DVD-ROM and any of the DVD writers you have installed.

7-13. Setup Device Info

Press **ENT** to see the next figure.

01 IDE1 Master
DVD-ROM : PIONEER

Press **ENT** to see the next figure.

DVD-ROM	DVD-121
1.07	

Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  twice to see the next figure.

02 IDE2 Master DVD-RW : PIONEER

Press **ENT** to see the next figure.

DVD-RW	DVR-107D
1.05	

#### 4.7.14 System Info

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. System Info shows the information of the system.

7-14. Setup System Info

Press **ENT** to see the next figure.

DVD	Duplicator	
2039A	ver: 1.11D	

Press **ENT** to see the next figure.

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# 4.7.15 Quick Erase

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Quick Erase is to erase the data on the DVD rewriteable discs quickly.

7-15. Setup Quick Erase

Press **ENT** to see the next figure. Use  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to confirm Yes or No.

All data will be lost, erase?Yes

After confirming Yes and pressing ENT, LCD will show the message as follows.

Erasing disc 00:25 (Quick)

When erasing finishes, LCD will show the results as follows.

Quick Erase OK:05 Fail:00

## 4.7.16 Full Erase

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Full Erase is to erase the data on the DVD rewriteable discs completely. Compared with Quick Erase, Full Erase takes much more time.

7-16. Setup Full Erase Press **ENT** to see the next figure. Use  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to confirm Yes or No.



After confirming Yes and pressing ENT, LCD will show the message as follows.

Erasing disc 45:00 (Full)

When erasing finishes, LCD will show the results as follows.

Full Erase OK:05 Fail:00

#### 4.7.17 Auto Close Tray

Now press **ESC** and  $\checkmark$  to see the following figure. Auto Close Tray is to close the writer's tray automatically. It is related to function 11.5 Auto Start Drive. If you haven't set any writer to copy in function 11.5, this function will be invalid.

7-17. Setup Auto Close Tray Press ENT to see the following figure.



Here 5 means that it takes 5 seconds to close the writer's tray automatically after copying finishes and the tray is ejected. Besides 5 seconds, there are 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 seconds for choice. If you have set one or all seven writers in function 11.5, and choose 10 seconds here, then one writer's tray or all seven writers' trays will be closed in 10 seconds after copying finishes.

#### 4.7.18 Quick Compare

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Quick Compare is related to function 5 Compare. It lets you set a certain byte. When the error of a target DVD is beyond the set byte, the comparison between the source DVD and the target DVD will stop. Yet the comparison of the other 6 target DVDs will continue.

7-18. Setup Quick Compare

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is Off, but you can press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to choose a certain byte like 1 Byte, 1 KB, 10 KB, 1 MB, 10 MB, etc.

Quick Compare	
Off	

#### 4.7.19 Audio Burn Speed

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Audio Burn Speed lets you control the burning speed of audio CDs.

7-19. Setup Audio Burn Speed

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is auto, but there are maximum, 52X, 48X, 40X, 32X, 24X, 20X, etc. for choice.

Audio Burn Speed	
Auto	

# 4.8 Adv Setup

Function 8 Adv Setup lets you change the system configuration. This function includes 12 subfunctions: Overburn, Read Error Skip, Format HDD, Verify HDD, Burn-in, Update Firmware, Compare Firmware, H/W Diagnostic, Load Default, USB Option, Auto Save Image, and Update Drive F/W.

Now press **ESC** to return to Function 7. Then, **press ESC for 2 seconds** to enter Function 8-01 as the following figure shows.

8-01. Adv Setup Overburn

#### 4.8.1 Overburn

Overburn lets you decide whether to copy beyond the limit of a disc or not. Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is Off. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select On. Overburn may make a DVD writer damaged and data incomplete.

Overburn Off

#### 4.8.2 Read Error Skip

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Read Error Skip is to ignore any error that occurs during copying. Under normal circumstances, when an error occurs during copying, a message will appear on LCD. Yet, you can use Read Error Skip to copy some defective DVDs.

8-02. Adv Setup Read Error Skip

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is Off. Press **▼** to select On.

Read Error Skip Off

#### 4.8.3 Format HDD

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Format HDD is to partition the hard drive. But before formatting, all data on the hard drive will be deleted.

8-03. Adv Setup Format HDD

Press **ENT** to see the next figure. In DVD a partition occupies 5GB, in CD 1GB and in DL 10GB. If you format once more, the old data will be lost.

HD Partition FormatSelect? DVD

Use  $\blacktriangle$   $\lor$  to select A/T. A/T means that the system searches consecutive and enough space automatically for you to load an image file according to the hard drive's capacity.

HD Partition Format Select? A/T

#### 4.8.4 Verify HDD

Now press **ESC** to return to Function 8, and then select part 4 Verify HDD. Verify HDD is to verify if the hard drive or any of its partitions can work well.

8-04. Adv Setup Verify HDD

Press **ENT** to see the next figure. Use  $\blacktriangle \mathbf{\nabla}$  to confirm Disk or Partition.



Press ENT to verify. After verification LCD will show the results as follows.

Verify Hard Disk	
OK!	

#### 4.8.5 Burn-in

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Burn-in is to simulate the copying progress many times. The time can be from 1 to 1000. After each cycle of simulation, the DVDs on the DVD writers will eject automatically and recede for the next bout of simulation.



Press ENT to see the next figure. Test is simply a simulation.

Burn-in	
Test	

Press **ENT** and use  $\blacktriangle \mathbf{\nabla}$  to select the time of simulation such as 1, 2, 3...1000 or Run Continuous. The figure below shows Run Continuous.

# Sel burn-in num: Run Continuous

Press **ESC**, **ENT**,  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select Erase & Copy as the following figure shows. Erase & Copy is to erase and write repeatedly. It is only for DVD rewriteable discs.



Press **ENT** and use  $\blacktriangle$  **V** to select the time of simulation such as 1, 2, 3...1000 or Run Continuous. The figure below shows Run Continuous.

Sel burn-in num: Run Continuous

## 4.8.6 Update Firmware

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Update Firmware is to update the firmware to the latest version. But you should get the version first.

8-06. Adv Setup Update Firmware

You can get the newest version from ACARD by e-mail, or download it directly from the Web site: **http://www.acard.com** Then, unzip the file of .zip and copy it into a CD-RW. If the file is .bin, you don't need to unzip.

After placing the DVD into the DVD-ROM, press **ENT**. The system will begin searching the new firmware and show the message on LCD as follows after it finds the new firmware. Then press **ENT** to update.

Searching F/W----XXX/XXXXX

#### 4.8.7 Compare Firmware

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Compare Firmware is to compare the current firmware version and the newly downloaded version. It can prove if the downloaded version is the newest one.

8-07. Adv Setup Compare Firmware

#### 4.8.8 H/W Diagnostic

Press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the next figure. H/W Diagnostic is to test the system.

8-08. Adv Setup H/W Diagnostic Press **ENT** to see the next figure. The system will do the button test, self-test of SDRAM, the hardware connection test and flash test. All test results will be shown on LCD. It is the easiest way to know if the system is normal.



When all tests finish, LCD will show the message as follows.



#### 4.8.9 Load Default

Press ESC and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ . Load Default is to make all changed settings return to defaults.



Press **ENT** to see the next figure. Use  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to confirm Yes or No.

Load Default Config? Yes

When default loading finishes, LCD will show the results as follows.

Load Default	
ОК	

#### 4.8.10 USB Option

Now press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the next figure. USB Option lets you switch to the USB mode if your copy controller has connected a PC.

8-10. Adv Setup USB Option

Press **ENT** to see the following figure. The default is Off. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to select On.



When USB option is On, the original "8. Adv Setup" will change to "9. Adv Setup", and the hidden "8. USB Mode" will appear in the first layer of function menu.



The above figure means the connection with a PC. Now press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ .

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Back to SA-Mode?
Yes

Press ENT to return to standalone mode, and the following figure will appear.

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#### 4.8.11 Auto Save Image

Press **ESC** and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  to see the following figure. Auto Save Image can save an image file automatically into your designated partition of HDD.

8-11. Adv Setup Auto Save Image

Press ENT to see the following figure.



Press **ENT** to see the following figure. Use  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to select a partition in which there is no image file such as C.



Press ENT to see the following figure.

Set Partition to
С

#### 4.8.12 Update Drive F/W

Now press ESC and  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ . Only when you have installed some types of CD\DVD drives produced by ASUS or Plextor can this figure appear. This function lets you udpate the firmware of some ASUS or Plextor CD\DVD drives. For the detailed types, visit the Web site:www.acard.com.

8-12. Adv Setup Update Drive F/W

Press **ENT** to enter the next figure. No F/W File means that there is no file of firmware on the source CD. So, in the beginning you have to download the firmware of a certain type of CD\DVD drive from the Web site of ASUS or Plextor. Then record the firmware into a CD-RW.

No F/W File

# Chapter 5 Troubleshooting

# 5.1 About LCD

After you power on if there is no display on the LCD, check if the connection of power cord is firm and the environment of power outlet is normal.

#### 5.2 About Error Messages

During Copy, Test, Compare and Verify, etc. if you press **ESC** to abort, an error message will appear on LCD. Abortion may cause the copy controller to hang up, therefore you have to power on again.

If reading fails, an error message will appear on LCD. Get a new source DVD to try. If the copy controller hasn't detected any device after powering on, an error message will appear on LCD.

# 5.3 About DVD-ROM/DVD Writers

If a DVD-ROM or a DVD writer cannot read, confirm the format of the source DVD and check if it is damaged.

Use any DVD writer to read the source DVD. If it works, the DVD-ROM is probably defective or not compatible with the source DVD.

# **5.4 About Buttons**

If you press any one of the four buttons on the panel, but there is no response, it is perhaps that the button cannot function well. Inspect the jumper setting.

## 5.5 About DVD Writer Not Readable

After copying if the DVD writer is not readable, use Compare to examine, or get another DVD-ROM to test.

## 5.6 About High Failure Rate

If the failure rate of copying is high, do the following things to improve.

- Lower the speed of DVD writer.
- Inspect if the blank disc's quality is good.
- Update the firmware.
- Inspect the DVD writer's maximum writing speed. If the speed is over 8X, copy the data to a hard drive first, and then transmit to the disc

# 5.7 About Firmware Update

If you cannot update the firmware, inspect the firmware. Perhaps you have downloaded a wrong file. Failure in firmware update may cause the copy controller to fail in booting. Under the circumstances, return the control board to distributor for repair.

# 5.8 About Function 13 and Cancellation

Press **ESC** for 2 seconds to execute function 13 Advanced Setup. During operation if you want to cancel a function like Copy, Test, Verify, etc., press **ESC** for 2 seconds, too.

# Appendix LCD Messages

# 1. Normal Conditions:

All data will be lost, erase?......All data on the disc will be lost. Confirm the erasing of data.

Analyzing	Analyze the source disc.
Audio Disc!!! Can't compare!	The system cannot compare the audio discs.
Cannot read TOC	
Check Target Please Wait	The system is checking the target device.
Detect Drives	Detect what drives are connected with the system.
DVD-RW does not Support the	Func DVD-RW doesn't support this function.
Erase Finished	The erasing of data comes to an end.
Erasing disc	The system is erasing the data on the disc.
Fail to get Drive Info!	The drive information cannot be obtained.
Fail to get Src Disc Info!	The information of source disc cannot be obtained.
Hold ESC to exit	Press ESC for a second to terminate the test.
Identical	The comparison results are the same.
Initialize SDRAM	Initialize the memory of the system.
Load Default Config?	Do you want to load the default settings?
No Erasable Disc in DVD-R	W!!The disc on the DVD-RW device is not
rewritable.	
Preparing	The system is preparing to record.

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Press a Key to Eject Fail Disc	Press any key to eject the failed disc after copying.
Press a Key to Eject Good Di	isc Press any ket to eject the good disc after copying.
Read disc error	During comparison the disc cannot be read.
Save new config Fail!	The new setting of configuration cannot be saved.
Source Disc Empty!!!	The source disc doesn't contain any data.
Source Disc Not Ready	Source disc is not ready to be read.
Source Drive Not Ready	Source drive is not ready to read.

Src&Tgt can't in the same channelDuring comparison the source and target				
discs cannot be in the same channel.				
Target Disc Not Empty!!!	The target disc still has data.			
Target Disc Not Ready				
Target Drive Not Ready				
Target overflow The target	t disc hasn't enough capacity to store new data.			
TOC not match	The comparison results are not the same.			
User Abort!	Cancel the job during operation.			

# 2. Connecting with a HDD:

All data will be lost, format?......All data on the hard disk will be lost. Confirm the formatting of hard disk.

<b>Delete Image in Partition xx?</b> Confirm the deleting of data image in partition xx.				
Format HDD? Ask if you want to format the hard disk.				
Format HDD OK! The Formatting of hard disk has been completed.				
HDD not Format!The hard disk hasn't been formatted yet.				
HDD too small The capacity of hard disk is too small.				
HDD too small to handle image!The hard disk hasn't enough capacity to				
store the data image (at least 5Gbytes).				
Image Exists Overwrite?There is a data image in the current partition. Confirm				
the overwriting of data.				
Image load FailThe image isn't successfully loaded from DVD to the hard disk.				
Image load OK The image is successfully loaded from DVD to the hard disk.				
No Image in Partition xxThere is no data image in partition xx.				
No Valid HDD! The system cannot find a hard disk.				
Partition Damage				
Select HD First! Select a formatted hard disk at first.				
Verify Disk or Partition? Do you want to verify the hard disk or just a partition?				
Verify Hard Disk Fail! The hard disk is not verified successfully.				

Verify Hard Disk OK!	The hard disk is verified successfully.
Verify Partition Header!	Verify the partition header.

#### 3. Audio Editing:

**Burn or Move to partition?**..... Do you want to directly copy the data into disc or move them to the partition.

**Tgt overflow, del last trk?..**.... The disc capacity is not enough to store the selected tracks. So, do you want to delete the last track?

#### 4. Firmware Update:

Check Sum Error!	The udpated firmware has errors.	
Flash ROM fail!	Data cannot be written into Flash ROM.	
Invalid firmware		
Last update F/W Fail!	The firmware is not updated successfully.	
Last update F/W OK!	The firmware is updated successfully.	
Searching F/W	The system is searching for a valid firmware.	
Source can't be Hard Disk!During comparison the source cannot be hard disk.		

**Update F/W xxx to yyy?**..... Do you want to update the firmware version from xxx to yyy?

**Updating F/W**......The system is updating the firmware.

# **Technical Support Form** Email: **support@acard.com** http://www.acard.com

Model	ARS-203	9A	F/W Ver.		
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DVD-RC	DM				
DVD Writer					
Hard Dis	sk Mode	l/type			
Capacity					
Firmwar	e versio	on			
Others					
Problem Description					