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# LaCie CD-RW Drive User's Manual

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#### Federal Communications Commission Radio Frequency Interference Statement (FCC)

WARNING: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the



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instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antennas.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the reseller or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Shielded cables and I/O cards must be used for this equipment to comply with the relevant FCC regulations. This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### **Canada Compliance Statement**

This Class A digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

#### Manufacturer's Declaration for CE Certification

We hereby certify that this device is in compliance with both the EMC Directive (89/336/EEC) and the Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC) issued by the Commission of the European Community.

Compliance with these directives implies conformity to the following European Norms: Class B EN60950, EN55022, EN50082-1, EN61000-3-2 With reference to the following conditions: 73/23/EEC Low Voltage Directive 89/336/EEC EMC Directive

#### Laser Products

This equipment is certified to comply with DHHS Rule 21 CFR Chapter I, subchapter J in effect as of date of manufacture. This equipment is classified as a Class I Laser product and no hazardous laser radiation is emitted outside the drive.

# Health, Safety and General Use Precautions

The drive you have just purchased includes a laser diode device, which classifies it as a "Laser Class I" product. This laser is not dangerous for the user under normal operating conditions. However, we strongly advise you not to place any reflective objects in the disc loading system, due to the risk of exposure to laser emissions that may be reflected by such objects.

Always follow the basic precautions listed below to use your LaCie drive safely and correctly. Respecting these guidelines will help to avoid the possibility of personal injury to yourself or others, as well as to prevent damage to your device and other computer equipment. These precautions include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### Health and Safety Precautions:

- Read this User's Manual carefully, and follow the correct procedure when setting up the device.
- Do not look inside or place your hand over the open DVD/CD media tray. Never look directly or indirectly (with a mirror) at the laser diode, even when the device is not in operation. If you expose your eyes or skin to the laser inside you drive, you risk damage or loss of your vision or other personal injury.
- Do not open your drive or attempt to disassemble or modify it. Never insert any metallic object into the drive to avoid any risk of electrical shock, fire, short-circuiting or dangerous emissions. Your drive contains no user-serviceable parts. If it appears to be malfunctioning, have it inspected by qualified LaCie service staff.
- Never expose your device to rain or use it near water or in damp or wet conditions. Never place containers on it containing liquids that may spill into its openings. Doing so increases the risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting, fire or personal injury.
- Make sure that the computer and drive are electrically grounded. If the devices are not grounded, there is an increased risk of electrical shock.
- Do not listen to audio with headphones at an excessive volume for prolonged periods of time. Doing so increases the risk of hearing damage or loss.
- Before listening to music with your drive, set the volume control to minimum. Sudden bursts of sound at loud volumes can cause immediate hearing damage or loss.

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#### **General Use Precautions:**

• Do not expose the drive to temperatures outside the range of 5° C to 40° C (41° F to 104° F) during operation. Doing so may damage the drive or disfigure its casing. Avoid placing your drive near a source of heat or exposing it to sunlight (even through a window). Inversely, placing your drive in an environment that is too cold or humid may damage the unit.

• Always unplug the drive if there is a risk of lightning or if it will not be used for an extended period of time. Otherwise, there is an increased risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting or fire.

• Do not place heavy objects on top of the drive or use excessive force on its buttons, connectors and tray. Doing so increases the risk of damage to the device.

• Always place your drive in a horizontal position before using it. Otherwise, it may fall, causing damage to the device and / or corruption or loss of data.

• Always remove the disc from the disc tray before transporting your drive. Otherwise, written data may be destroyed or the drive's internal components may be damaged.

• Never use excessive force on the disc loading system; discs should be inserted effortlessly into your drive. If you detect a problem, consult the <u>Troubleshooting</u> section.

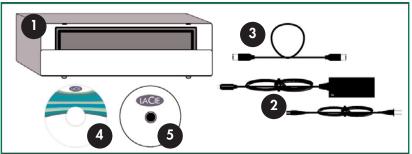
• Protect your drive from excessive exposure to dust during use or storage. Dust can build up inside the device, increasing the risk of damage or malfunction.

• Never use benzene, paint thinners, detergent or other chemical products to clean the outside of the drive. Such products will disfigure and discolor the front panel and casing. Instead, use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the device.

# Unpacking Your LaCie Drive

# 1. Unpacking Your LaCie CD-RW Drive

You'll tear through your work with your new LaCie CD-RW Drive. Boasting over 485 times the capacity of floppy disks, CD media is the perfect tool for sharing information between different systems. You can create discs full of word documents, spreadsheets, music, pictures and video, and pass them along to any other computer with a CD-ROM drive. And the bundled software will help you to easily customize your projects.



LaCie CD-RW Drive
 Power supply and power cable
 FireWire 6-pin to 6-pin cable
 LaCie CD Utilities CD-ROM
 Blank LaCie CD-R media (1)

# 1.1. Minimum System Requirements

#### 1.1.1. System requirements:

•Windows 98 SE (Second Edition), Windows Me (Millennium Edition), Windows 2000, or Windows XP •Mac OS 9.1 and 10.1.2 or later

### 1.1.2. Hardware requirements:

•Mac or PC equipped with FireWire/IEEE 1394/iLink interface card (SBP-2 compatible)\*.

- •Intel Pentium 233MHz compatible processor or greater; 32MB RAM minimum
- •Minimum 100MB hard disk space for installing LaCie CD Utilities
- •Minimum 800MB hard disk space for copying a CD onto the hard disk



**Important Note:** Your LaCie CD-RW Drive is compatible with the Sony iLink and FireWire 800 interfaces. In order to use your drive with these interfaces, you must use an appropriate LaCie certified interface cable (sold separately). The iLink interface requires a 4-pin to 6-pin cable, and the FireWire 800 interface requires a 6-pin to 9-pin cable. Consult your LaCie reseller or LaCie Customer Service to find the appropriate cable.

# Getting Connected

# 2. Getting Connected

Follow these steps to quickly get your LaCie Drive powered on and connected to your computer. Click on a step to get started!

- 2.1. Install the Recording Software
- 2.2. Connect the Power Supply and Switch On the Drive
- 2.3. Connect the FireWire Cable to Your LaCie Drive and to Your Computer

Once you've gotten the drive powered on and connected to your computer, move on to section <u>3. Using</u> <u>Your LaCie Drive</u> for important information on how to utilize your drive.

# Getting Connected

# Step 2.1. -

From you LaCie CD Utilities CD-ROM, open the software folders, click on the install icons (Windows Users: click on the Setup.exe icon; Mac Users: double-click the Installer icon) of the various programs and follow the on-screen instructions to install the programs. For more information about the various programs, please refer to the Help sections of the specific software program.

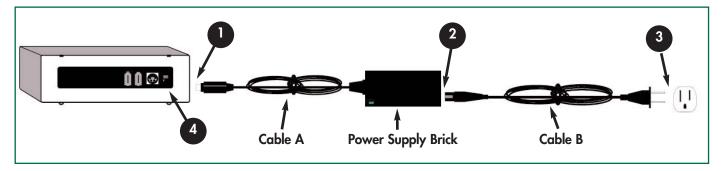


**Mac Users** 



# Step 2.2 -

Connect the power supply and switch on the drive.



There are two cables that are supplied with the power supply: one cable (A) connects to a power outlet, such as a wall outlet or a surge protector; and the other cable (B) connects to the LaCie drive.

- 1) Connect Cable A to your LaCie Drive.
- 2) Connect Cable B to the Power Supply brick.
- 3) Connect Cable B to a grounded surge protector or wall outlet.
- 4) Turn the drive on and off by using the On/Off switch.



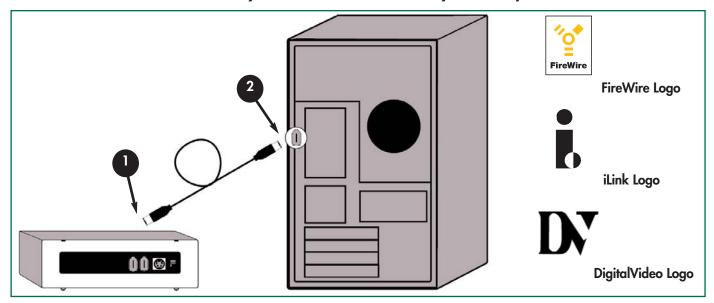
**Warning!** Use only the AC adapter supplied with your specific LaCie drive. Do not use a power supply from another LaCie drive or another manufacturer. Using any other power cable or power supply may cause damage to the device and void your warranty. Always remove the AC adapter before transporting your LaCie drive. Failure to remove the adapter may result in damage to your drive and will void your warranty.



**Important Note:** You may use your LaCie drive when in a foreign country, thanks to its autoswitching 100-240 Volt power supply. To be able to use this feature, you may need to purchase an appropriate adapter or cord. Consult LaCie Technical Support for assistance in choosing the right adapter. LaCie accepts no responsibility for any damage to the drive resulting from the use of an inappropriate adapter. Using an adapter other than one authorized by LaCie will void your warranty.

# Step 2.3. -

Connect the FireWire cable to your LaCie Drive and to your computer.



1) Examine the cable carefully and make sure that you have the FireWire cable properly aligned, then insert the cable firmly into the FireWire port on the back of the drive for a stable connection.

2) Look for a FireWire logo (which generally is used to identify the port) next to the connector on the front or back of your computer, then insert the cable firmly into the FireWire port for a stable connnection.



**Tech Note:** Please refer section <u>4.1 Advice for Optimizing FireWire Connections</u> for important information on disconnecting FireWire devices and ensuring optimum performance.



#### Important Note:

**Windows Users:** It may take a few seconds for your computer to recognize the drive and assign it a letter.



*Mac Users:* It may take a few seconds for the drive to appear on your desktop, and an icon will only appear when there is a CD in the drive.



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# 3. Using Your LaCie CD-RW Drive

Your LaCie CD-RW Drive will let you create, save and share your digital files to CD-R and CD-RW media. The included software will allow you to format and write to both CD-R and CD-RW discs.

#### **CD-R Discs:**

CD-R discs are best suited to recording audio or files that will not need to be changed or altered. Files can not be deleted from CD-R discs, and you cannot write over existing files on a CD-R disc. This media is typically used to record audio CDs, store photos and data CDs.

#### **CD-RW Discs:**

Most CD-ROM drives and audio CD players cannot read CD-RW discs, so the ideal application for CD-RW media is recording digital content that you will need to alter or change. CD-RW discs are very similar in concept to floppy disks, except that the capacity of CD-RW media is 485 times greater! You can reformat CD-RW discs up to 1,000 times, and you can write over files on CD-RW discs. These discs are great for passing medium sized files around an office or among students.

# 3.1. Supported CD Formats

Your LaCie drive is compatible with most popular CD formats: Type of Disc **Record Read** Format CD-R Χ CD Х X CD-RW (supports AM2) X Χ CD-ROM -χ CD-Extra ---

Use your LaCie CD-RW Drive to:

- Create audio CDs
- Create data CDs
- Create a backup
- Duplicate a CD

Your new LaCie drive opens up a whole world of possibilities for copying data and audio onto disc. Please be responsible in your use of this technology. Before copying anything onto CD media, make sure you are not violating any copyright laws. Most software companies allow licensed owners to make one (1) backup or archive copy of their software. Check your software's license agreement for specific details.

Ideal recording techniques:

- Close all other open programs and disconnect from the internet;
- Copy data to your hard drive first;
- Use the correct media with the appropriate speed rating;
- Use media that is free of scratches and fingerprints;
- See our Web site for a list of LaCie recommended media.

Check LaCie's Web site (www.lacie.com) often for the latest information on creating CDs.

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# 3.2. Inserting Discs

To insert a disc, first gently lower the Drive Access Door and then push the Open/Close (#1) button on your LaCie CD-RW Drive. When the disc tray opens, put the CD media into the tray with the label side facing up. Make sure the CD is correctly placed in the center of the disc tray. Gently push in the disc tray or push the Open/Close button to close it.

Do not attempt to force the door open, you will damage the drive. The power must be on in order to

open the drive. The drive must be on a flat surface to work correctly.

To close your LaCie CD-RW Drive, press the Open/Close button on the front of the drive.



#### Warning!

- Do not force the tray closed. You will damage the drive.
- Always remove discs before transporting the drive.
- Never move the drive while it is in operation.

# 3.3. Ejecting Discs



**Warning!** Do not attempt to open the drive's disc tray or remove the CD while the unit is in use and being accessed by the computer. You may injure yourself, and damage the drive and/or your computer system. Do not transport the drive with the tray open or with a CD inside it. Doing so may damage the drive and/or data stored on the disc, and will void your warranty.

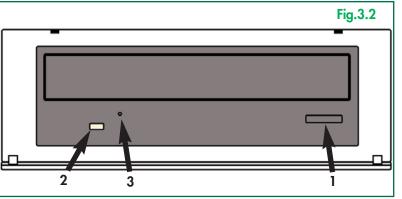
#### Windows Users

After you have finished using the CD-RW drive and the computer is no longer accessing it, push the Open/Close button (fig.3.2 #1). When the disc tray is fully open, remove the CD. After removing the disc, gently push in the disc tray or push on the Open/Close button to close it.

You can also go into **My Computer** and right-click the CD drive icon. In the drop-down menu that follows, select the **Eject** option. The disc tray will open, then you can access your media.

#### Mac Users

Drag the CD icon on the desktop to the **Trash**. The CD-RW drive's tray will then open. Remove the CD. Gently push in the disc tray or push the load/eject button to close it.



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# 3.4. Emergency Ejection of Discs

In the event that a CD cannot be ejected with the Open/Close button and the software is not controlling the drive, use the emergency eject operation to open the disc tray. First, switch off your computer and the CD-RW drive and unplug the drive's power.



**Warning!** Make sure the CD-RW drive is off and the power unplugged before attempting the emergency ejection procedure.

On the front of the drive is the Emergency Eject Hole (fig.3.2 #3). Insert a small metal poker, such as an unbent paper clip, into the Emergency Eject Hole until the poker presses against the manual eject mechanism. You will feel the mechanism eject the disc tray. Only use this method when the Open/Close button is not working.

# 3.5. Accessing Discs

#### Windows Users

The CD volume will appear in **My Computer**. Click on **My Computer** to view the contents of the CD and to have access to the folders and files on it.

You can also gain access to the files and folders contained on the disc by going into Windows **Explorer** and clicking on the CD-ROM drive icon.

#### Mac Users

The CD volume will appear as an icon on the **Desktop**. Click on the icon to have access to the contents of the CD.

### 3.6. Writing Discs

The following is a brief overview of some of the recording terminology to help you understand how to use your drive to write discs.

**Important Note:** Please refer to your recording software's user's guide for information on how to best use your CD-RW drive in write mode.

There are several options when recording data to a CD-R or CD-RW disc. Here is a brief explanation of the most common recording techniques:

**Disc at Once (DAO)** - A CD writing process in which the entire CD is recorded in one session, and data cannot be added after the recording is finished. This mode allows for the most control of the recording process for audio CDs because the gap between tracks can be set and the maximum capacity of the CD can be utilized.

**Multisession (MiS)** - A CD writing process where data is added incrementally to a CD in more than one recording session. This mode uses TAO, allowing you to add data during several sessions. With this mode, though, every time a session is added, nearly 15MB of information is used to create data about the session.

**Packet Writing (PW)** - A CD writing process that is very useful for data backup, but cannot be used to write audio CDs. Buffer underrun\* is impossible in this mode, because the data is written in "packets" of a few KBs.

**Session at Once (SAO)** - A CD writing process which is similar to DAO, where all of the information is written in one session, but SAO allows for the ability to begin another session and record at a later time. This mode allows for greater control of the recording process than MiS, PW or TAO, and more disc space can be utilized because there is no need for gaps between tracks.

**Track at Once (TAO)-** A CD writing process where data is added one track at a time, and the data can be added at a later time. The CD being written to, though, can only be read in the CD rewritable drive that is recording it until the disc is finalized (meaning that no more data can be added). There is also a gap of 2 seconds added between tracks, which will be heard as noise in some audio players.



**Tech Note:** \*Buffer Underrun - What happens when a drive's buffer runs out of data while the CD-R or CD-RW media is still being written. The recording of a CD is a system-intensive application, and the rewritable drive needs a constant stream of data. A buffer underrun occurs when the stream of data to the rewritable drive is not fast enough to keep the rewritable drive's buffer full, causing the an error in the recording process. If this problem occurs often, turn down the recording speed and consult section <u>4.1.3 Data Transfers</u>.

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# 4. Helpful Information

# 4.1. Advice For Optimizing FireWire Connections

The following technical information relates to your LaCie CD-RW Drive and gives some practical advice:

# 4.1.1. What is FireWire/IEEE 1394?

A serial bus used to connect external computer and consumer electronic devices to computers and consumer electronic consoles.

### What does IEEE 1394 mean?

"1394" is an abbreviation of IEEE 1394, the name given to this high-performance serial bus. IEEE (the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) is the name of the engineering corps that developed this standard. The 1394 refers to the 1,394th stanard that the IEEE has produced.

### What is the relationship between IEEE 1394, FireWire, iLink and DV?

These four names all refer to the same interface:

- •IEEE 1394 the name of the standard, used in the computer industry.
- •FireWire the brand name used by Apple.
- •iLink the brand name used by Sony.
- •DV logo used by video camcorder manufacturers.

## What can the FireWire interface be used for?

With its high data transfer rates, FireWire is a great interface for consumer electronics, like CD and DVD recorders, external hard drives and video devices, such as digital camcorders, because it has an extremely large bandwidth and supports two types of data transfer (anyschronus and isochronous) which help to guarantee the transfer of time-critical data.

FireWire is also a point-to-point interface, meaning that a FireWire device can transmit data to another FireWire device without having to go through a computer. This lets several computers share a given device, and also allows up to 63 devices to be daisy-chained to the same FireWire bus (with a max of 16 devices on one branch). To daisy-chain, connect your one FireWire drive directly to the computer, then connect another FireWire drive to the first FireWire drive, then another until you reach 16. Then do the same on the rest of the ports on the FireWire bus.

## FireWire Cables and Connectors

There are three different types of FireWire cables on the market: 6-to-6-pin, 6-to4-pin and 4-to-4-pin. LaCie FireWire devices are shipped with a certified 6-to-6-pin FireWire cable. Most FireWire-equipped laptop computers feature a 4-pin FireWire connector, so in order to connect your LaCie drive to a laptop with a 4-pin FireWire port, you will need to purchase a 6-to-4-pin FireWire cable (sold separately).

If your computer does not have a FireWire port, or only has a 4-pin port, consult your LaCie reseller or LaCie Customer Support for information about adding a FireWire PCI or PCMCIA card.







### 4.1.2. Disconnecting FireWire Devices

FireWire external devices feature "plug & play" connection. This means that your drive can be connected and disconnected while the computer is running. To prevent failures, it is important you follow these steps when disconnecting your FireWire device.

#### Windows Users

Important Note: Windows 98 SE Users: If you have installed the Windows Storage Supplement Update, you will have to unmount the drive before disconnecting it or powering it down. If you have not installed the update, simply disconnect the drive when it is not active. No unmounting is required.

1) From the **System Tray** (located in the lower right-hand side of your screen), click on the **Eject** icon (a small green arrow over a hardware image).

2) A message will appear, detailing the devices that the **Eject** icon controls, i.e. "Safely remove..." Click on this prompt.

3) You will then be given the following message: "Safe to Remove Hardware" (or similar). It is now safe to disconnect the device.

#### Mac Users

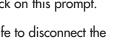
You must unmount the drive before disconnecting it or powering it down. Drag the CD-RW drive icon to the **Trash**. Once the device's icon no longer appears on the desktop, the drive can be disconnected.







Fig.4.1.4



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#### 4.1.3. Data Transfers

Data transfers are the flow of data that accomplishes a task, usually related to moving data from storage to computer RAM or between storage devices. During data transfers, it's best to wait before launching other applications on the same FireWire port. Anomalies may arise with computers that have FireWire controllers\* that do not conform to OHCI (Open Host Controller Interface) standards. In any other configurations, we cannot ensure 100% correct operation. Due to this, you may encounter hanging problems. If this happens, proceed as follows:

1) Make sure that the FireWire cable is connected tightly and securely on both ends of the cable, from the drive to the computer. If you are using a FireWire cable other than the one supplied with your LaCie drive, check that it is FireWire (IEEE 1394) certified. The cable that is provided with your LaCie drive is FireWire (IEEE 1394) certified.



**Warning!** Do not connect FireWire cables so that they form a ring of devices. There is no need for terminators on FireWire devices, so the unused FireWire connectors should be left empty.

- 2) Check that the power supply and ground connection are seated properly.
- 3) Disconnect your computer's FireWire cable. Wait 30 seconds. Reconnect.



**Tech Note:** \***Controller** - This is a component or an electronic card (referred to in this case as a "controller card") that enables a computer to communicate with or manage certain peripherals. An external controller is an expansion card which fills one of the free slots (i.e. PCI or PCMCIA) inside your PC and which enables a peripheral (i.e. CD-R/RW drive, Hard Drive, scanner or printer) to be connected to the computer. If your computer is not equipped with a FireWire controller card, you can purchase an external controller through LaCie. Contact your LaCie reseller or LaCie Technical Support (<u>6</u>. Contacting Customer Support) for more information.

# 5. Troubleshooting

In the event that your LaCie CD-RW Drive is not working correctly, please refer to the following checklist to find out where the problem is coming from. If you have gone through all of the points on the checklist and your drive is still not working correctly, please have a look at the FAQs that are regularly published on our Web site – **www.lacie.com**. One of these FAQs may provide an answer to your specific question. You can also visit the drivers pages, where the most recent software updates will be available.

If you need further assistance, please contact LaCie Technical Support (see <u>6. Contacting Customer Service</u> for details).

#### **Manual Updates**

LaCie is constantly striving to give you the most up-to-date, comprehensive User's Manuals available on the market. It is our goal to provide you with a friendly, easy-to-use format that will help you quickly install and utilize the many functions of your new device.

If your manual does not reflect the configurations of the product that you purchased, please check our Web site for the most current version available.

Questions to Ask	Possible Solutions
Is the drive's power on?	Check to see that all of the power cords are properly connected and that the switch on the rear of the drive is turned on. If you are using a surge protector, make sure that it is switched on, too.
Does an icon for the drive appear on the computer (On a Mac a CD- ROM must be inserted in the drive)?	Check for an icon on the Desktop (on a Mac) or in <b>My</b> <b>Computer</b> (on a PC).
Are all of the cables connected securely and correctly?	Make sure that all the steps in section <u>2. Getting Connected</u> have been followed correctly. Examine the connections carefully to ensure that all the cables are inserted in the correct orientation and in the correct location.
Are both ends of the FireWire cable connected and properly seated?	Check both ends of the FireWire cable. Disconnect them, wait 10 seconds, and reconnect them. If the drive is still not recognized, restart your computer and try again.
	Is the drive's power on? Does an icon for the drive appear on the computer (On a Mac a CD- ROM must be inserted in the drive)? Are all of the cables connected securely and correctly? Are both ends of the FireWire cable

#### The Issue

Questions to Ask

The drive is not recognized.

Are the FireWire drivers installed correctly and enabled?

#### **Possible Solutions**

**Mac Users:** Open **Apple System Profiler** and click on the **Devices and Volumes** tab. If your device is not listed, recheck the cables and try the other troubleshooting solutions listed here.



Tech Note: Mac Users: Apple is constantly providing updated support for drive mechanisms within OS 10.x. To ensure that you have the latest support, upgrade to the latest version of OS 10.x. To access the latest updates an upgrades, pull down the **Apple Menu** and click on **System Preferences**. In the section titled **System**, click on **Software Update** and then click **Update Now**. Your computer will then automatically connect via the Internet to access the latest updates from Apple.



Tech Note: Windows 98 SE Users: Microsoft has released an IEEE 1394 Storage Supplement update to enhance compatibility and help alleviate lock-ups. Check Microsoft's Web site, <u>support.microsoft.com</u>, for more information.



**Tech Note: Windows Users:** Microsoft consistently posts updated drivers and support fixes for their operating systems. Go to Microsoft's Web site, <u>support.microsoft.com</u>, for more information.

Is there a conflict with other device drivers or extensions?

Windows 98 SE & Me Users: Go to Start > Settings > Control Panel > System > Device Manager > IEEE 1394 Controller > click on the plus sign next to the controller icon, and you should see your device listed.

Windows 2000 Users: Go to Start > Settings > Control Panel > System > Hardware tab > Device Manager button > IEEE 1394 Controller > click on the plus sign next to the controller icon, and you should see your device listed.

Windows XP Users: Go to Start > Control Panel > Performance and Maintenance > System > Hardware tab > Device Manager button > IEEE 1394 Controller > click on the plus sign next to the controller icon, and you should see your device listed.

If you cannot see the device, recheck the cables and try the other troubleshooting solutions listed here.

For Windows Users and Mac OS 10.x Users, consult LaCie Technical Support. See section <u>6. Contacting Customer</u> <u>Support</u> for more details.

Mac OS 9.x Users should consult the advice on the following page.

The Issue	Questions to Ask	Possible Solutions
The drive is not recognized.	Is there a conflict with other device drivers or extensions? Note: You will find important information	Mac OS 9.x Users: If your LaCie drive is not being recognized by the recording software, you may be experiencing an extension conflict between the software and iTunes or Disc Burner. There are two possible solutions to this problem.
about the compatibility of LaCie CD-RW Drives and iTune's and Disc Burner at Apple's Web site: <u>www.apple.com</u> .	If you do not plan on using iTunes or Disc Burner, follow these steps:	
	1) From the <b>Apple Menu</b> , go to <b>Control Panels</b> and open the <b>Extensions Manager</b> .	
		2) Scroll down to the <b>Extensions</b> folder and disable (uncheck) the <b>USB Authoring Support</b> and the <b>FireWire Authoring Support</b> .
		3) Click on the <b>Restart</b> button to restart your computer.
		4) Launch the recording software again, and check to see if it recognizes the drive now.
	If you plan on using both the recording software and <b>iTunes</b> or <b>Disc Burner</b> , you may want to create a separate <b>Extension</b> <b>Set</b> for the recording software.	
	1) From the <b>Apple Menu</b> , go to <b>Control Panels</b> and open the <b>Extensions Manager</b> .	
		2) Press the <b>Duplicate Set</b> button.
	3) Give the new <b>Extension</b> set a name, such as Writing.	
	<ol> <li>Scroll down to the Extensions folder, and disable (uncheck the USB Authoring Support and the FireWire Authoring Support.</li> </ol>	
		5) Click on the <b>Restart</b> button to restart your computer.
	Now when you want to use this set, simply go back into <b>Extensions Manager</b> , and from the pull-down menu from <b>Selected Sets:</b> , choose your new Extension set.	

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The drive's media tray will not open.	Are you using a Mac?	Drag the Disc icon onto the <b>Trash</b> icon. The disc will eject automatically. If this does not work, try using the eject function of the software program that you are using.
	Has a running software program locked the eject function?	To check, disconnect the FireWire cable, then reconnect and press the Open/Close button.
		If the disc will still not eject, go to section <u>3.4 Emergency</u> <u>Ejection of Discs</u> for more instructions on how to eject your media.
The drive automatically ejects a CD when you try to record on it, or the drive is not writing to CD correctly.	Is the CD already full?	Verify the contents of the CD by using your recording software or viewing its contents in <b>My Computer</b> for Windows users, or <b>File</b> > <b>Get Info</b> for Mac users. If you've checked and it still won't record, try recording on a new blank disc.
	Does the CD-RW drive support the format of the CD you have inserted?	Check section <u>3.1 Supported CD Formats</u> for the CD formats supported by your drive.
	Is the CD damaged?	Carefully inspect the disc. Look to see if there are highly visible scratches to the recording surface (the bright shiny side) of the disc. If in doubt, try another CD.
	Has the recording software been installed correctly?	Double-check the installation of your recording software and reinstall the recording software, if necessary. Review the recording software's troubleshooting and help sections for further tips.
	Has buffer underrun occurred (has something interrupted the stream of data to the recorder)?	<ul> <li>Disable all other software programs that are running during the CD recording session.</li> <li>Disconnect the network, if you are using one. On a Mac, deactivate File Sharing.</li> <li>Check to see that your hard drive is fast enough.</li> <li>If recording from CD or DVD-ROM to CD, make sure that the speed of the source device is high enough to provide a sufficient data stream to the LaCie drive. Reduce the write speed of the LaCie drive using the appropriate menu in the recording software.</li> </ul>

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# 6. Contacting Customer Support

#### Before You Contact Technical Support

1) Read the manuals and review the <u>Troubleshooting</u> section.

2) Try to isolate the problem. If possible, make the drive the only external device on the CPU, and make sure that all of the cables are correctly and firmly attached.

If you have asked yourself all of the pertinent questions in the troubleshooting checklist, and you still can't get your LaCie drive to work properly, contact us via the provided Web link. Before contacting us, make sure that you are in front of your computer and that you have the following information on hand:

- Your LaCie drive's serial number
- Operating system(Mac OS or Windows) and version
- Computer brand and model
- Names of CD or DVD drives installed on your computer
- Amount of memory installed
- Names of any other devices installed on your computer



Serial Number Sticker

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LaCie Italy Contact Us At: http://www.lacie.com/it/contact/

LaCie Norway Contact Us At: http://www.lacie.com/no/contact/

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LaCie United Kingdom & Ireland Contact Us At: http://www.lacie.com/uk/support/request

# 7. Warranty

LaCie warrants your drive against any defect in material and workmanship, under normal use, for the period designated on your warranty certificate. In the event this product is found to be defective within the warranty period, LaCie will, at its option, repair or replace the defective drive.

This warranty is void if:

- The drive was operated/stored in abnormal use or maintenance conditions;
- The drive is repaired, modified or altered, unless such repair, modification or alteration is expressly authorized in writing by LaCie;
- The drive was subjected to abuse, neglect, lightning strike, electrical fault, improper packaging or accident;
- The drive was installed improperly;
- The serial number of the drive is defaced or missing;
- The broken part is a replacement part such as a pickup tray, etc.
- The tamper seal on the drive casing is broken.

LaCie and its suppliers accept no liability for any loss of data during the use of this device, or for any of the problems caused as a result. As a precaution, it is recommended that the CD-R and CD-RW media be tested after they have been written to. Under no circumstances do LaCie or its suppliers guarantee the reliability of the CD media used in this drive.

LaCie will not, under any circumstances, be liable for direct, special or consequential damages such as, but not limited to, damage or loss of property or equipment, loss of profits or revenues, cost of replacement goods, or expense or inconvenience caused by service interruptions.

Any loss, corruption or destruction of data while using a LaCie drive is the sole responsibility of the user, and under no circumstances will LaCie be held liable for the recovery or restoration of this data.

Under no circumstances will any person be entitled to any sum greater than the purchase price paid for the drive.

To obtain warranty service, call LaCie Technical Support. You may be asked to furnish proof of purchase to confirm that the drive is still under warranty.

All drives returned to LaCie must be securely packaged in their original box and shipped with postage prepaid.

Register online for free technical support: www.lacie.com/register