

# Reflex Tower Duplicators Instruction Guide



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Disc Makers' Reflex tower duplicators are designed to provide you with production-level CD duplication capability combined with an easy user interface, simple installation, and fast throughput.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

Carefully remove your new CD-R duplicator from the shipping container. Please inspect the contents and verify them against your packing slip. Be sure to report any errors in shipping immediately.

## **Packing Materials**

Please retain the original box and packaging in the event the unit requires future servicing or you need to move the unit from one location to another. This will help to reduce the possibility of damage occurring in transit. Any item that needs to be returned for a warranty repair must be returned in original packaging.

## **Installation and Setup**

- Unpack the Reflex tower system in a clean and cool working area.
   Confirm that all related articles are in the box including the duplication system, power cable, user manual, and warranty card.
- Confirm that the voltage setting (AC 115/230V) is correct.
- Confirm that the power input is stable and consistent. Install a UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) if required.
- Make sure that the environment for the Reflex is properly ventilated and free of dust, excessive heat and humidity, and electronic interference.
- Make sure the system is properly grounded. Do not attempt to defeat the third ground prong on the power cable.



## Quick Start Notes for the Reflex (without hard drive):

- Power On the system by switching the button on the lower right front
  of the unit. You will then see the system initialize and perform a self
  test on the front panel LED. The LED will show DETECT DRIVES
  and then automatically switch to COPY < MODE.</li>
- To begin the duplication operation, load the top drive with the master disc. Load the empty writer drives with high quality blank CD-R media. The top drive is also a writer drive, which will support true maximum speed duplication.
- Press the START button to begin duplicating discs. The system will automatically analyze the master disc and begin duplicating at the maximum recording speed, depending on the writer drives maximum write speed.
- Upon completing the duplication process, the system will automatically eject the duplicated discs, and the master CD.
- To continue the same duplication job, reload the writers with blank CD-R media, and press the START button. To start a new job, replace the original master with a new master and follow the steps above.
- Do not press any buttons on the Reflex during the duplication process unless you wish to terminate the duplication session. This will interrupt the system and ruin the CD-R media.

## Quick Start Notes for the ReflexPro (with hard drive):

- Power On the system by switching the button on the back of the unit.
  You will then see the system initialize and perform a self test on the
  front panel LED. The LED will show DETECT DRIVES, the capacity of
  the internal hard drive, and finally COPY<MODE.</li>
- The ReflexPro will automatically detect the internal hard drive and create the appropriate partitions according to its total capacity. Each partition is 900MB.
- Select which partition the data to be duplicated will be stored in by selecting HDD PARTITION in the Setup Menu. The Setup Menu can be accessed by pressing the STATUS button for five seconds and entering the Sub Function Menu.
- If there is no data stored in the selected partition of the hard drive, press the STATUS button to select the LOAD function. Place the master disc into the top CD drive. The system will automatically detect the master, analyze, and load the data into the selected HD partition. The master

disc will be ejected when the data is loaded to the hard drive. In case of error, the LCD will show ERROR and the master disc will be ejected automatically.

- To begin the duplication operation, switch back to the COPY function by pressing the STATUS button. Load the CD writers in the system with high quality blank CD-R media. The ReflexPro will begin duplicating when all writers detect the blank media. If four or seven writers (depending on the configuration) are not utilized, the LCD display will show the number of CD-R blanks detected as XSTART. (X represents the number of writers that are ready to duplicate). Press the START button and duplication will begin immediately.
- When the duplication process is completed, the CD writers will automatically eject discs that have been duplicated properly. Discs that have not been duplicated properly will remain in their respective writers. Press the STATUS button and the bad discs will be ejected automatically, or press the eject button on each individual CD writer.
- The ReflexPro will show an error message if you attempt to duplicate from a hard drive partition that contains no data. Switch to the LOAD function to import data to the appropriate partition.
- Do not press any buttons on the ReflexPro during the duplication process. This will interrupt the duplication session and ruin the CD-R media.

## **FUNCTIONS**

The Reflex features numerous functions that make it an advanced CD duplication/production system. The following functions can be accessed on the front panel by pressing the STATUS button.

## Copy

Make sure the present partition in hard drive is correct and contains data before copying. Place blank CD-Rs into the CD writers. When all writers detect the CDs, the Relfex will start duplicating automatically. When fewer copies are needed, place the required number of blank CD-Rs into the CD writers. When you see the number X in XSTART, that matches the number of blank discs placed in the CD writer(s). Press the START button to start duplication.

When the duplication process is finished, those discs duplicated properly will be ejected automatically and failed ones will remain in the CD writers. Press the STATUS button to eject those failed CD discs. Put new CD-R media in the writers for additional duplicates.

## **Copy and Compare**

The COPY AND COMPARE function will perform duplication and then compare the duplicated discs with the master disc or hard drive disc image. With this function, the discs that have been duplicated properly will be ejected and re-inserted again in the writers automatically for comparison to the original disc or hard drive disc image. The good discs will be ejected automatically after comparison. The failed CD discs will remain in the writers. Pressing the STATUS button will eject those failed discs.

Only data CDs can be compared with the master disc. Audio or video CDs will be VERI-FIED (self-reading) instead of being compared with the master even if COPY AND COMPARE is selected.

#### **Emulate**

The EMULATE function performs the same operation as COPY except that the data is not actually written onto the CD-R media. CD-R discs will remain blank when the emulation operation is performed. This operation is used to confirm the status of the target master disc, or the hard drive disc image. It is also used to test the system during setup or after being transported.

## **Compare**

The COMPARE function performs comparison between master and target discs (data CDs only).

## Verify

The VERIFY function performs verification of audio or video data written to blank CD-R media from a target or master disc. Different discs in the CD writer and CD reader can be verified together simultaneously.

#### Load

Use the LOAD function to load master data into the hard drive before performing other functions.

Place the master CD disc into the top reader drive or any one of the CD writers, ReflexPro will automatically detect and analyze the master CD and load its data into the current partition of the hard drive.

The hard drive installed in the ReflexPro will be automatically partitioned by 900MB in each partition. Number of partitions available depends on the hard drive's capacity. No pre-formatting or software setup is required to install the hard drive. Each partition in the hard drive will be labeled in alphabetical order. Partition numbers can be selected under HDD PARTITION in the Setup menu.

The ReflexPro will prompt you with an error message when you try to duplicate from a partition that contains no data. Switch to a proper partition or use the LOAD function to load the master data into the current partition.

#### SUB FUNCTIONS

The Sub Functions provided in the Reflex are designed to allow the user to alter and enhance the performance of the system according to their needs and applications. In the main menu, press and hold down the STATUS button for five seconds. The menu will be switched to the Sub Function menu. To return to the main Function menu and leave the Sub Function menu, go to the SETUP mode and press and hold down the STATUS button for five seconds.

### Setup

Since there are different settings under the SETUP Sub Function to control the Reflex operation, we suggest using the original default settings for optimal operation. Changes should be made only when you are very familiar with its operation.

#### **HDD Partition**

This setting selects the current working partition on the internal hard drive. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and press START to exit. After selecting a partition, EXIT will bring you back to the COPY function in the main menu.

#### CD to CD

This setting controls the source location of the master data. Select YES to bypass the existing hard drive and copy directly from CD to CD. Select NO to copy the CD from the data stored in the current partition of the internal hard drive. This setting will not be saved during the reboot of the Reflex. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

#### **Start Writers**

This setting controls the number of CD writers that will work in the Reflex. Normally it should be equal to the number of writers installed in the Reflex. However, the number of writers set to record can actually be less than the number installed. If seven writers are installed, for example, a number setting of "2" will allow using only two writers at one time. The Reflex will start the operation instantly when any two of the seven installed writers are ready (DISC DETECTED). The other five writers will be idle. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and press the START button to exit.

#### Write Method

This setting controls the writing methods of the CD-R media INCLUDING DISC AT ONCE or TRACK AT ONCE. DISC AT ONCE is the default setting. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## **Write Speed**

This setting controls the maximum writing speed of the CD writers. The default setting is MAX which will use the highest writing speed of the writers (40X). For applications requiring a lower write speed, use this setting to adjust to 32X, 24X, 16X, 12X, 8X, 4X, or 2X. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

#### **CD** Reader Drive

The CD-ROM (Reader) drive can be selected manually. The default setting is AUTO, the Reflex will select the CD-ROM drive automatically (the top drive). If you wish to change the default Reader drive to another drive other than the top, use this setting. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## **CD-DA Load Speed**

This setting allows the user to adjust the speed at which music tracks are imported to the hard drive in the system. This may affect the quality of the individual tracks and ultimately the final compilation audio disc being created and duplicated by the system. The default setting is AUTO, whereby the system will automatically read in the audio data at maximum speed, unless the system detects any errors. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## **Eject Disc**

This setting controls the ejection of the discs by the CD writers. Three options are available: ALWAYS means the CD writers will always eject the CD discs whether duplication is successful or has failed. NO means all discs will remain in the CD writers when the job is done. You will then need to eject the discs from the CD writers manually. The PASS setting will only eject the passed discs automatically and leave the failed discs in the CD writers. Press the STATUS switch to reject those failed CDs. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

#### Buzzer

This setting controls the ON and OFF function of the system buzzer. The default setting is ON. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

#### CD+G

This setting activates the duplication capability of the CD+G format. The default setting is NO. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## **Copy Comp Eject**

This setting controls the ejection of the CD writers under the COPY + COMPARE function. If the setting is YES, the trays will eject the recorded discs after duplicating. The system will re-insert the same discs again for subsequent comparison. If the setting is NO, the writers will not be ejected between COPY and COMPARE. The default setting is AUTO, which means the ejection of the writers will take place after the initial duplication. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## Mode 2 Compare

This setting can be activated to compare a source data format stored in a MODE 2 source disc. The default setting is NO. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## **Skip Read Error**

This setting controls error skipping during source reading. The default setting is NO. When an error is detected during the load or read in process, the duplicator will stop the read in or load and display a READ ERROR message. If the setting is YES, there will be no message shown even if there is an error in reading. You can use this function to copy source CDs with errors. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## **Startup Command**

This setting specifies the first function the Reflex will perform when initially powered up. This allows the user to avoid the repeated selection of this function as the unit is turned on. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

#### Read CD DA Index O

This setting controls the duplication of audio data existing in index 0. YES will copy the index 0 data and NO will leave it blank. Press the STATUS button to change the setting and the START button to exit.

## Edit (ReflexPro)

The EDIT function is a track-selecting function that can combine tracks on different CDs into one single CD. For example, you can make a collection of favorite songs from different music CDs and record them to one compilation CD.

Switch to the CLEAR function to delete the data, if any, in the hard drive's partition intended to store the music tracks. Switch to EDIT by pressing the STATUS button in the Sub Function module, load your master CD into the CD Reader (top drive). The CD ReflexPro will analyze the master CD and show the total (XX) tracks on the LCD display and stop at:

#### **BEGIN TRACK**

(+) 0 [QUIT]

Press the STATUS button to change the number of tracks (songs) that you wish to start with and then press the START button to quit. After quitting, the LCD display will stop at:

#### **END TRACK**

[+] 0 [QUIT]

The number selected must be the same or larger than that selected in BEGIN TRACK. The same number means you want to select a single track and a larger number means you want to select a sequence of tracks for that particular CD. After selecting the END TRACK, the ReflexPro will bring you back to the BEGIN TRACK selection. Repeat the same procedure to collect other tracks in different sequences that you want to duplicate. If no more tracks will be selected, press the START button directly at BEGIN TRACK.

Press once again START at END TRACK to exit. The ReflexPro will start loading those music tracks selected into the current partition of the hard drive. After loading, the master CD will be ejected automatically and the LCD will display PASS. You may change the master CD and run the EDIT function again to gather more music tracks from different master CDs. When finishing the collection, switch the function to COPY and place blank CD-R media into the CD writers for duplication. If all of the CD discs are duplicated properly, they will be ejected from the CD writers automatically.

Please see the following examples and follow the instructions step by step. You will find it is very easy to create compilation audio CDs with the ReflexPro:

#### Example 1:

To make a new collection of two CDs listed below:

#1 CD: 2, 4, 6-8 songs. #2 CD: 3-6, 9, 13-16 songs.

Switch to the CLEAR MASTER function and press the START button to clear the data in the existing partition of hard drive. Switch to the EDIT function. Place the first CD (#1) disc into CD drive under the EDIT function and wait for the ReflexPro to analyze it. Press the STATUS button to number 2 at BEGIN TRACK and press the START button to quit.

When END TRACK is displayed on the LCD, press the START button to quit directly since the first song number is 2.

Press the STATUS button to number 4 at BEGIN TRACK and QUIT.

Press the START button again to quit.

Press STATUS to number 6 at BEGIN TRACK and QUIT.

Press STATUS to number 8 at END TRACK and QUIT.

Press STATUS to finish the selection of CD #1.

The ReflexPro will start to collect the tracks that you selected and move them into the current partition of the hard drive. After successful loading is finished, the ReflexPro will eject your master CD and show PASS on the LCD.

Place the master CD #2 disc into the CD Reader (top drive) and continue the selection of the second CD. Repeat the procedures above.

Once the accumulated length of tracks selected has exceeded the maximum 80 minute capacity, the ReflexPro will stop accepting additional tracks. Switch to the DELETE function to delete the last track stored in current partition in the hard drive if necessary. Switch to COPY to start copying your own collection of music CD.



#### Example 2:

CD #1: All tracks CD #2: 4-6 tracks

Load CD #1 normally by using the LOAD function. Any data in the current partition will be erased and replaced automatically with the tracks of this CD.

Load CD #2 by using the EDIT function but keep the data currently stored in the hard drive. Do not CLEAR MASTER as described in Example 1 or you will loss the data of CD #1.

Repeat the procedures described in Example 1.

#### Delete

When the last music track stored in the hard drive is not the one you wish to keep, switch to the DELETE function and press the START button to delete it. You may always use this function to delete the last track stored in the current partition of the hard drive.

#### Clear

This function clears the master data stored in the current partition of the hard drive. When you want to EDIT a new collection of songs, you must run this function first to clear the current partition of the hard drive. Perform this function by pressing the START button at the CLEAR function and the LCD will show MASTER CLEARED.

## Copy / Emulate 1X, 2X, 4X, 8X, 12X, 16X, 24X, 32X, 40X

Under some conditions, you may wish to reduce the writing speed of the CD writers to a lower speed. Switch to COPY 1X, COPY 2X, COPY 4X, COPY 8X etc., all operations will be the same as the COPY function, except that the writing speed will be adjusted accordingly. You may also EMULATE duplication at certain speeds as indicated above.

#### **Burn In**

This function is a burn-in test function. It will run the EMULATE WRITE function continuously. Between each cycle of the Emulate Write, the CD-R discs in the CD writers will be ejected automatically and re-insert again for continuous testing. There is no actual writing on the blank CD-R discs and the discs will remain blank after test.

#### TROUBLE SHOOTING

#### If the unit does not operate with the power on:

Check the connection of the power cable and power outlet. Also, check the Power Supply Fan to confirm its rotation.

#### If an ERROR message appears on the LCD Display:

Press the STATUS button to abort the operation. Check the master CD and the blank CD media to confirm their integrity.

#### If the STATUS / START buttons do not function:

The system may be busy with its current task. Also the internal controller board may have failed.

#### If the failure rate is high:

Lower the speed of the writers and try again. Also, check the quality of the CD-R media being used.

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