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Subject: Re: CDR lifespan ?

Posted by [Edna Sloan](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 23:01:04 GMT

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I haven't had any problems with mine - differernt brands, both cheap and expensive. All are at least 4 years old, and some near 10(Verbatim brand). I hear they are subject to ultra-violet light and non water-based ink bleed thru.

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 23:45:59 GMT

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Subject: Re: CDR lifespan ?

Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 03:24:17 GMT

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I use exclusively (unless a client is absolutely insistant) verbatim. They offer up to a 100 yr shelf life if stored properly.

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Posted by [Erling](#) on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 08:57:39 GMT

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I know these problems too from earlier on different CD's and DVD's. I know, a periode, there were problems with paper glued on some discs, that started a chemical process that was destroying. But I have also observed problems when changing player. Had a 6 years old project backuped on blank CD's with glued paper, that I wanted new backups on DVD's. 6 of 8 discs were destroyed. Luckily, I know the project never would be remixed.

I have really good results with Verbatim, Premium and MDA here in Europe.

Good luck

Erling

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Posted by [Ed](#) on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 16:14:37 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 16:51:46 GMT

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Subject: Re: CDR lifespan ?

Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 17:15:12 GMT

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 23:38:18 GMT

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I also use Taiyo Yuden. Don't know about shelf life but they play on everyone's machines where some others do not. I do not use Sharpies. They can leach thru and destroy data. I use felt tip pens designed for CD-R's. They're not too hard to find.

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Subject: Re: CDR lifespan ?

Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 00:47:20 GMT

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Subject: Re: CDR lifespan ?

Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 00:48:36 GMT

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The logic is that the sharpee, unless specifically for CD/DVD r and r/w makes a chemical reaction over time that is not good for the substrate layer

and will degrade it.

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 00:49:17 GMT

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All the above. Or online, if you want to be lazy. WalMart may even have them.

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"John" <no@no.com> wrote in message news:491cbf44\$1@linux...

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 03:17:01 GMT  
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You can use the -, but the recommended configs are - for video and + for data. Either will do either format.. it's just a legacy thing.

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Posted by Erling on Fri, 14 Nov 2008 08:10:15 GMT  
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First of all, DVDR+ is a newer format that, as one of the two standards, can be used on "more things", as far as I remember. Here's one of the internetsides with som explanations:  
<http://www.videohelp.com/dvd>

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Posted by [AlexPlasko](#) on Sat, 15 Nov 2008 23:23:09 GMT  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sun, 16 Nov 2008 01:05:41 GMT  
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FWIW, the 100 yr Verbatim discs are all blue tinted.  
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If it's necessary I use a neutral cleaner or gentle soap. Anything that leaves a residue would be bad. Warm soapy water, rinsed immediately and dried in a center to edge motion with a lint-free cloth has yet to fail me.

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