

The new technologies manufacturing CD-R with SILVER recording side to ripped-off the market and the users!.

Anyway there are some steps to follow to avoid spend money for a fake CD-R (also with a great cover).

1> Weight: usually the CDR is lighter than a SILVER pressed CD.

2> Check if the MATRIX is impressed around the center hole on the silver background (CD), or printed in clear plastic ring around the center hole (CD-R).

3> Check the recordable side on back-light if there are 2 different colors well distinguishable (burnt sectors & empty sectors).

(The pressed CDs has almost the same silver color on data sectors and on empty sectors due has been pressed and NOT burnt.)

4> Sometimes can be found a glued label on CD (CD-R), the pressed CDs are all screenprinted.

5> Use a software (free) like IMG_Burn (<http://www.imgburn.com/>) and follow this procedure.

a. take a SILVER CD (you must be sure!) & the CD you want to compare.

b. fit the SILVER CD in the device as you wanted to burn, click the icon "Write Image File To Disc", choose the device where you are simulating the burning and on the right window will compare a lot of info of the CD (remember or print-screen).

c. do the same step b. and fit the CD to compare, if it is a CD-R you will see a lot of info in the window, but 2 important info added:

1> The name of the company that produced the CD-R media

2> The speeds: 2x, 4x, 8x, 12x and so on....

The info 1> & 2> will not compare on CD silver pressed.

6> If you have an old DVD/CD player for TV or CD Player the CD-R will not recognized (really old player only).