

SUPPORT MUSIC



* International CCT Logo

Copy Control Technology has been introduced to Australia on some CDs. In this guide, we answer the most frequently asked questions about this technology.

DON'T BURN IT

**BURNING IS STEALING.
RECORDED MUSIC IS
PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT.**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS COPY CONTROL TECHNOLOGY? ("CCT")

CCT is an umbrella term for a series of new technologies which are being added to some CDs to prevent digital copies being made of the music on that CD. In other words, the technology prevents the practices known as "ripping" and "burning" where music is digitally copied on to a computer hard drive or burnt on to a blank CD. The various forms of CCT work in different ways and they are evolving over time.



WHY HAS CCT BEEN INTRODUCED?

You may not realise it, but ripping and burning is illegal and copying a CD is really no different to stealing CDs or buying pirate copies - it all means that no money goes back to those who create the music. This is not only bad news for the artists and songwriters who depend on this income for their livelihood - it's also bad news for consumers. CD copying means that there's less money available to invest in making new recordings and developing new artists in the future.

DOES CCT AFFECT THE LISTENING EXPERIENCE?

No, the technologies merely prevent copying. They do not affect the audio quality of the CD. As a comparison, DVDs have featured a form of CCT since their introduction. Anyone who's watched a DVD will see that the CCT has no impact on the playing of that DVD.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF A CD THAT I WISH TO PURCHASE CONTAINS CCT?

All record companies have been strongly encouraged to include the International CCT logo   on any CDs that contain CCT. Any CD which features this logo contains a form of CCT. However, please note that record companies may use other methods of informing consumers that a CD contains CCT. You should also be aware that imported CDs incorporating CCT may not feature the logo.

WILL A CD WITH CCT PLAY IN MY CD PLAYER, COMPUTER AND MY CAR?

You are unlikely to experience problems. Whilst CCT is new to Australia, the technologies have been in use overseas for quite a while now. Nonetheless, there may be minor issues with some CCTs in relation to particular items of hardware. You should always check the label of the CD *before purchase* to see whether or not the particular technology is likely to cause problems with the hardware on which you propose to play the CD.

WILL CDS CONTAINING CCT CAUSE DAMAGE TO MY AUDIO SYSTEM OR MY COMPUTER HARD DRIVE?

No. The technologies are only designed to prevent ripping and burning. They will not cause any damage to audio equipment and PCs.

I'VE BOUGHT THIS CD. IT'S MINE, WHY CAN'T I COPY IT?

In the same way that buying a copy of a book doesn't give you ownership rights in the author's manuscript, the purchase of a copy of a CD doesn't mean that you own (and can do anything that you like with) the recording that is on that CD. As a consumer, purchase of the CD only gives you the right to listen to that CD. The copying of the music on the CD, without the authority of the copyright owner, is an infringement of copyright.



**COPY CONTROL
TECHNOLOGY**

If you have any further general questions regarding CCT, please email cct@aria.com.au. For any queries regarding a specific technology, please contact the relevant record company.