

Managed Recording FAQs

What is CSS Managed Recording?

CSS Managed Recording, sometimes referred to as "CSS managed burning," is an exciting new function enabling commercial audiovisual content to be recorded on special recordable DVD media using the same content protection system as pre-recorded DVD Video-- CSS.

Will these DVDs play back in existing DVD players in the marketplace today?

The new DVDs will be compatible with the vast majority of existing consumer electronics DVD players worldwide.

The DVDCCA announced this new functionality in August 2006. When can the market expect to see commercial implementation?

This process requires discussion and testing in addition to the development of a new video specification from the DVD Forum. For example, a study had to be undertaken to confirm the compatibility with existing DVD players. It also takes time to complete physical disc specifications for the new recordable DVD media.

Will Managed Recording be limited to "professional uses" only or will consumers be able to record onto the new DVDs at home?

Initially, the application of CSS Managed Recording will be limited to so-called "professional uses" by which a business may manufacture on demand and sell recorded DVDs for home entertainment using a business -to-business supply chain. Such professional uses can be kiosk-based at retail or done in a centralized manufacturing facility. Assuming successful professional application of CSS Managed Recording, consumer electronic sell-through applications, by which consumers may download content and record onto the new recordable media through an authorized online digital distribution system, are likely to follow.

What is an example of a professional use?

It is a business model where a disc manufacturer or retail store "burns" content onto a disc in response to a consumer or end user order. It does not include recording or burning taking place on individual consumer devices at the initiation of consumers or end users.

What is the best way for licensees to learn when the use of CSS in this context is commercially available?

We will provide further updates on this website as such information can be made publicly available.