What is LightScribe technology?

LightScribe is a disc-labeling technology that lets you laser-etch a label directly on your disc. Creating professional-looking discs is easy: burn your disc, flip the disc over, and then burn your label onto the disc. The same drive that burns your data, burns your label.

A LightScribe-enabled DVD drive uses a laser to burn an image into the coating on the label side of a LightScribe disc. The LightScribe labeling system has no ink to smear, no paper to curl, and no sticky adhesive to cause problems.

To create a LightScribe label, you need:

- A LightScribe-enabled DVD drive in your computer or LightScribe-enabled DVD writer. LightScribe-enabled computers or writers typically have the LightScribe logo or the word "LightScribe" displayed on the drive tray or computer itself.
- LightScribe-supported disc-labeling software. This is often included with your LightScribe-enabled computer or DVD writer. A list of available software packages is here.
- LightScribe System Software. This is similar to a driver and is usually included with your LightScribe hardware. The latest update is available here.
- Specially coated LightScribe CDs or DVDs (sold separately at major retail stores or online). LightScribe discs are identified by the LightScribe logo on the media package.

Refer to http://www.lightscribe.com for more details on LightScribe

Creating a LightScribe Label

Burning a label with LightScribe is easy.

To start, you need to run LightScribe-supported labeling software. The label software often can be launched as a separate application that is included with your data burning application suite. Depending on the labeling software you use, you can create a label before or after you burn the disc content.

 NOTE : To burn a label, you must flip the disc over and place it label-side down in the drive tray.

NOTE : LightScribe labels are monochrome (grayscale) only.

Labels can be a simple title, or you can get more creative by adding backgrounds and images. The capabilities will depend on your labeling application. The following step-by-step instructions will help you create your first simple LightScribe label using various LightScribe-supported labeling software. Refer to the documentation of each application for details on all of the available features.

NOTE : Specific instructions steps may vary depending on the software version.

- Use Sonic Express Labeler
- Use Nero Cover Designer
- Use SureThing CD Labeler (SE Edition)
- Use Roxio Easy Media Creator

Using Sonic Express Labeler to create a LightScribe Label

Windows Platform

1. Click **Start->All Programs->Sonic RecordNow!->Express Labeler** .
   NOTE : You can also open the Express Labeler from within RecordNow! by clicking **Label Disc** .
2. Make sure that **Disc Label** is selected in **Step 1: Select Project** .
3. Click **Disc Titles** and then enter text for the **Title** and **Subtitle** .
4. Click **Tracks** to enter track titles. Click **New** and enter text for the information you want to include, and then click **OK** . You may have to select a different label template to display track titles.
5. Select a label template by clicking **Layout** and choosing a layout.
6. If desired, select a background by clicking **Background** . Select one of the provided backgrounds or click **More** to load up your own images to be used as the background.
7. When you are satisfied with the appearance of your label design, insert the LightScribe disc (label-side down) into the disc drive tray and then click **Print** .
8. From the Disc Label menu, select **LightScribe 12cm Disc** .
9. Select a Contrast Level and then click **OK** to begin burning the label. The estimated time to complete the label is displayed, along with a progress bar. You can continue to work on your computer while LightScribe is burning the label.

Using Nero Cover Designer to create a LightScribe Label

Windows Platform

1. Launch the **Nero Cover Designer** application. Click **Start->All Programs->Nero->Labels->Nero Cover Designer** .

2. In the **New Document** menu, select the **LightScribe** option if shown. Otherwise, select the **Empty Document** option. Click **OK** .

3. Select the **Text Box** tool by clicking on its icon or select **Object->Insert->Text Box** from the menu at the top of the screen. Click and drag your mouse to create the text box area.

4. Double click on the text box area and type in the text information you want to include. Click **OK** .

5. If you want to add your own background, select the **Image tool** by clicking on its icon or select **Object->Insert->Image...** from the menu at the top of the screen. Load up your image and make the desired adjustment.

6. When you are satisfied with the appearance of your label design, insert the LightScribe disc (label-side down) into the disc drive tray and then click **File->Print LightScribe Label...** from the menu at the top of the screen.

7. Select a Contrast Level and then click **Print** to begin burning the label. The estimated time to complete the label is displayed, along with a progress bar. You can continue to work on your computer while LightScribe is burning the label.

Using SureThing CD Labeler (SE Edition) to create a LightScribe Label

Windows Platform

1. Launch the SureThing CD Labeler SE application. Click **Start->All Programs->SureThing->SureThing CD Labeler SE** .

2. Double click on the **Title** and **Subtitle** fields in the disc layout to enter a simple title and subtitle information.

3. If you want to add your own background, select **Backgrounds->Use Your Own Background...** from the menu at the top of the screen. Select the image you want to load and click **OK** .

4. If you want to add pictures to the label, select **Insert->Insert Picture...** from the menu at the top of the screen. Select the picture you want to load and click **OK** . Pictures can be resized and positioned on the label design.

5. When you are satisfied with the appearance of your label design, insert the LightScribe disc (label-side down) into the disc drive tray and then click **File->Print...** from the menu at the top of the screen.

6. Select a **Quality** level, ensure that the box **Use LightScribe** is checked, and click **OK** . The estimated time to complete the label is displayed, along with a progress bar. You can continue to work on your computer while LightScribe is burning the label.

Using Roxio Easy Media Creator to create a LightScribe Label

Windows Platform

1. Launch the **Roxio Easy Media Creator** disc labeling application. Click **Start->All Programs->Roxio Easy Media Creator->Tools->Label Creator** .
2. A simple title layout is shown by default. Double click on the **Title** and **Data** fields in the disc layout to enter a simple title and subtitle information.
3. If you want a different layout that allows for labeling the full area of the disc, click **Select Style** in the **Edit Layout** menu at the left of the screen. In the **Select Style** window, choose a style category from the left pane and select the style you want from the preview area. Ensure that the style covers the full area of the disc.
4. To use your own background, click **Edit Background** in the **Edit Layout** menu at the left of the screen. Check **Use the following image as the background image** option, click **Browse...** , select the image you want to load, and click **OK** .
5. If you want to add pictures to the label, click **Add Image** from the **Add Object** menu at the left of the screen. Select the picture you want to load and click **OK** . Pictures can be resized and positioned on the label design.
6. When you are satisfied with the appearance of your label design, insert the LightScribe disc (label-side down) into the disc drive tray and then click **File->Print...** from the menu at the top of the screen.
7. Select a **Print quality** level. In the **Printer settings** area, ensure that the printer selected is a LightScribe capable drive. Click **OK** . The estimated time to complete the label is displayed, along with a progress bar. You can continue to work on your computer while LightScribe is burning the label.

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