

Questions and Answers about the Pioneer DRM-624X
(Specifications at end)

Q: What is the Pioneer DRM-624X?

A: The DRM-624X is a quadruple speed, 4.4x (676 KB/s) six disc CD-ROM minichanger. The discs are contained in a removable magazine. The magazine is a ruggedized version of the Pioneer-patented six-disc magazines used in audio CD changers.

Q: How is the 676 KB/s data transfer rate achieved?

A: Since introduced in 1992, Pioneer's Quadraspin(tm) technology has made possible high-speed data transfer at four times the standard rate. Benefiting in the latest advances in the field, the DRM-624x is truly a ultra high-speed CD-ROM drive.

Q: Does the drive support Kodak's PhotoCD?

A: Yes. The DRM-624X supports both single and Multi-session PhotoCDs.

Q: Will the drive work with OS/2?

A: Yes. The DRM-624X works with the OS2CDROM.DMD BaseDev. (Users must add "/ET" as the first parameter to the SCSI adapter .ADD line in CONFIG.SYS to enable LUN support.)

Q: What comes with the drive?

A: DOS device drivers for Future Domain and IBM SCSI/A host adapters, an ASPI driver, Microsoft CD ROM Extensions (MSCDEX), Macintosh drivers, audio and power cables, one magazine, installation software, manuals.

Q: What is the drive interface?

A: SCSI-2. The DRM-624X has two 50 pin Centronics connectors.

Q: Can the the DRM-624X be daisy-chained with other drives?

A: Yes. The DRM-624X has switchable termination and push-button SCSI ID setting for easy daisy-chaining.

Q: Will it work with my "XXXX" SCSI host adapter?

A: Using the ASPI driver supplied with the drive, the DRM-624X can be used on Adaptec, Buslogic, Trantor, Ultrastor and other cards that have ASPI managers.

Note:

The ASPI Manager "MUST" be loaded before the DRM-624X driver, DRD60ASP.SYS.

Contact the adapter vendor for ASPI manager availability.

Note: Many vendors of SCSI host adapters have software drivers that support the DRM-624X. Please read the documentation for each vendors card for support of the drive.

Note:

ADPICD.SYS from Adaptec and FDCD.SYS from Future Domain, support the DRM-624X.

Q: How do you switch discs?

A: Under OS/2 and DOS, each disc is a drive letter. The drive switches discs as necessary when a drive letter is accessed. No user intervention is required. On the Mac, six disc icons appear on the desktop, and the drive switches as necessary.

Q: Can you use it on a network server?

A: Many customers are using the DRM-624X on servers, although Pioneer does not generally recommend this. The drive is, of course, a changer, and only one disc may be read at any one time. When multiple users are accessing multiple discs simultaneously, the drive will switch discs to satisfy read requests as they arrive. Because of the time needed to switch discs, performance will suffer. The drive may be suitable for low-load situations (no more than one user at a time), or in special applications where requests are queued by the server. You may wish to investigate several packages that allow network access:

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This is a listing of third party developers or use
Pioneer LaserFacts:

310-952-2309

For a current listing.

NOTE: Pioneer makes no recommendations regarding these packages. The user is responsible for determining the suitability for his/her needs.

Please contact Pioneer technical support for a current list of network drivers.

Q: What is the disc exchange time?

A: Less than 5 seconds.

Q: Does the DRM-624X meet the MPC specifications?

A: Easily!

Q: How does the drive handle audio discs?

A: The drive recognizes audio tracks and slows to normal speed for audio functions.

Q: Does it support XA?

A: Yes, the drive supports all XA data formats.

Q: Will the drive play XA (compressed) audio?

A: No. The drive transfers the data to the host for decompression and conversion.

Q: Does the drive handle split audio, such as National Geographic Mammals and Microsoft Beethoven?

A: Yes.

Q: Will the DRM-624X read CD-R (CD-WO) discs?

A: Yes.

Q: Does Pioneer maintain a BBS?

A: Yes, (310) 835-7980 (USR-DS N81)

Q: Can the DRM-624X be used on computers other than PCs and Macs?

A: Yes. With 3rd party device drivers. See document INFO.TXT for a list of 3rd party device drivers.

Q: Will the drive work with Windows NT?

A: Yes. Please contact Pioneer Customer Support at:
800-872-4159

or

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DRM-624X Specifications

Media Type CD-Audio, CD-ROM, XA Mode 2 Forms 1 & 2
Disc Diameter 120mm
Capacity 680MB/disc, 4.1 GB/magazine
Interface SCSI-2
Block Size 2048 / 512 byte selectable
Access Time 150 mSec
Buffer Size 128 KB
Data Transfer Rate 676 kilobyte/sec (Sustained)
4.63 MB/s (burst)
Disc Exchange Time 5 seconds maximum
MTBF 50,000 Hours
Regulatory Approvals UL, CSA, FCC B, VDE, TUV, SEMKO, BEAB,
NEMKO, DEMKO, FIMKO, SEV

Audio Frequency Response 4-20000 Hz +/- 2dB
THD < 0.1%
Audio Output (Line Out) 1.7 v rms +/- 0.5 v (10k ohms)

Dimensions (WxHxD) 210 x 88.3 x 370.5 mm
Weight (net) 3.4 Kg
Weight (shipping) 4.8 Kg
Operating Voltage 100 - 240 V 50/60 Hz
Rated Current Consumption 120V 0.11A
240V 0.1A
Maximum Current Consumption 120V 0.31A
240V 0.2A

Operating Temperature 5 ~ 40 C
Storage Temperature -20 ~ 60 C
Humidity (Non-Condensing) 5 ~ 85% RH

List Price \$795.00

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