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STREX SP56 External DVD Player and Burner



INTENDED USE

The STREX External DVD Drive is a peripheral device that connects to a computer or other compatible device externally, through a USB or USB-C port. The intended use of our device is to read and write data to optical discs, such as DVDs or CDs. This DVD player/writer can be used for installing software, playing DVDs and CDs, backing up data, burning CDs or DVDs, data access, and software installation.

There are no other uses for this product.

Only use the DVD Drive as described in this manual. Any other use is considered improper and may result in personal injury or material damage. STREX is not liable for damage or injury resulting from improper or careless use.

THE PACKAGE

Contents

The following components are included in the scope of delivery:

1. External DVD Drive
2. User Manual



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UNPACKING

Remove everything from the packaging and check for damage. If this is the case, do not use the DVD Drive. Be very careful when opening the package to avoid damage to the product.

After unpacking the product, check if the delivery is complete and if all parts are in good condition. If you are missing a part, or if you have a damaged part, contact us by e-mail:

info@strex.nl

Before use, remove all packaging materials and stickers or labels.

SAFETY DURING UNPACKING

Do not leave packaging material lying around carelessly. It may become a dangerous playing material for children. Do not dispose of the packaging material until the DVD Drive has been tried and is working.

WARNING: Plastic bags & foils

To avoid the danger of suffocation, keep plastic bags and foils away from babies and children! Thin foils may cling to the nose and mouth and prevent breathing.

TECHNICAL DATA

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| Product: | External DVD Drive |
| Model: | SP56 |
| Brand: | STREX |
| Color: | Black |
| Installation method: | Extern |
| Interface standard: | SATA ODD |
| Power consumption: | 3~5 W |
| Supported OS: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 2000 / Me / XP / Vista / Windows 7 / Windows 8 / Windows 8.1 / Windows 10 macOS 8.6 or higher operating system Support DOS to start (boot operating systems installed XP, etc.) Linux |
| Supported equipment: | Laptop or desktop |
| Access port: | USB 3.0 (also works with USB 2.0/1.1 version) |
| Hardware requirements: | Compatible computer or laptop with USB interface |
| Host Interface: | USB 3.0 |
| Read speed: | CD-ROM: 24x max; DVD-ROM: 8x max; DVD-ROM (DL): 6x max; |
| Write speed: | CD-R: 24x max; DVD±R: 8x max; DVD±R DL: 4x max; DVD-R ± 9: 2.4x max; |
| Rewrite speed: | : DVD + RW: 4x max; DVD-RW: 4x max; CD-RW: 10x max; DVD RAM: 3x max; |
| Buffer size: | 2 MB |
| Access time: | 130 ms |
| Supported formats: | CD-text, CD extra, CD-DA (audio), CD-I, CD-ROM xa, photo CD, video CD, CD-ROM, DVD-video |
| Supported media types: | CD-R, CD-ROM, CD+/-RW, DVD-ROM, DVD-R, DVD+/-RW, DVD-R DL |
| Cable length: | 25cm (embedded) |
| Weight: | 300 g |
| Dimensions (L x W x H): | 14,4 x 14,4 x 1,8 cm |
| Certifications: | CE, RoHS |

NOTE:

Due to continuing improvements on our product, the technical specifications are subject to change without notice.

PRODUCT PARTS

1.



Indicator Light

The light ashes when there is activity.

2. **Eject button**

Press this button to open or close the disc tray. This button only works when the DVD Drive is powered.

3. **Manual eject hole**

If the tray does not open when you press the eject button, turn the laptop or computer off, insert a pin or unfolded paper clip into the hole, and press firmly.

4. **Embedded USB cable**

Attached on the bottom side (not visible in the picture)

5. **Disc tray**

The tray slides out to insert a disc when you press the eject button. When you place a disc in the tray, make sure the label on the disc is facing up. If you are not loading or unloading a disc, the disc tray should remain closed.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Connect the DVD Drive using the embedded USB cable to the USB port of your computer.
 - Verify that your computer has adequate power capacity; otherwise, the DVD Drive may not be recognized. The drive draws 3~5W from the USB port.
 - Avoid connecting to a USB hub or extension cable, as your computer may struggle to recognize the DVD Drive or read the CD/DVD.
2. Your computer will automatically display a device icon. If no pop-up screen appears:
 - Navigate to the desktop and click on 'My Computer' (Windows) or 'Finder' (Apple) where the drive icon should be visible.
 - Right-click the icon and select "Play." The DVD Drive will initiate reading the disc.
3. Older Windows systems use external DVD media player software. For Windows 10 or newer systems, you can install the VLC media player software to play CDs and DVDs. Download this software for free and securely from the following site:
4. <https://www.videolan.org/vlc/index.nl.html>

NOTES:

- No adapter or mains power is necessary. The DVD Drive is automatically recognized and installed by a laptop or computer (plug and play). No additional driver is required.

- Some software eject buttons (on Windows or MacOS systems) may not function with the DVD Drive. In such cases, use the eject button on the front of the DVD Drive.
- This device is a CD/DVD Drive and cannot read or write Blu-ray discs.
- The STREX DVD Drive does not support TV, car radio, Blu-ray, projectors, tablets, smartphones, or Chrome OS.
- It is not allowed to use a USB adapter for powering or charging the DVD drive.

INSERTING AND REMOVING DISCS

Insert a disc

1. With the DVD Drive powered on, press the eject button on the front panel to open the disc tray. Then, extend the disc tray fully.
2. Position the disc, label side up, on the disc tray, ensuring the center of the disc aligns with the spindle. Gently press the center of the disc until it securely clicks onto the spindle platform
3. Carefully push the tray back until it is firmly in place.

NOTES

- Exercise caution when applying pressure to the disc or when manipulating the tray, as excessive force may lead to damage.
- Avoid touching the lens of the laser unit at all times

Remove a disc

While the DVD Drive is powered on, press the eject button on the front panel to eject the disc tray. Then, extend the disc tray fully.

NOTES:

Ensure all running programs are closed before attempting to eject the disc tray, and always utilize the eject button.

During certain disc operations, the disc tray may remain closed even when the eject button is pressed.

1. Lift the disc carefully from the spindle platform by gripping the disc's edge.
2. Gently push the disc tray back until it is securely in place.

NOTE:

After disc ejection, promptly return the disc tray to the DVD Drive. Leaving the disc tray ejected exposes it to dust and debris, which could lead to potential issues with reading, writing, or disc functionality.

Manual ejection

The following procedure can be employed to extract a disc from the DVD Drive if the eject button is disabled by software or during a power failure. This function serves as a last resort and should only be utilized in emergencies. Excessive use may result in malfunctions.

1. Power the computer and disconnect the USB cable of the DVD Drive from the computer.
2. Insert a small-diameter rod or rigid wire (such as a straightened paperclip approximately 1mm in diameter) into the manual eject hole (the small round hole on the front panel) and press firmly.
3. The disc tray will eject approximately 10mm. Carefully pull out the disc tray.

NOTES:

- Do not insert an object into the manual eject hole while the DVD Drive is in operation.
- Avoid inserting the object too deeply to prevent potential damage to the disc.

HOW TO USE DISCS?**WARNING:**

Engaging in the unauthorized duplication of DVDs or software titles is against the law, and individuals involved in such illegal copying activities will be held accountable for any violations of copyright law.

Disc Storage

- Avoid exposing discs to direct sunlight.
- Position the disc horizontally on a flat surface.
- Refrain from scratching or marking labels directly onto the disc.
- Handle the disc with care to prevent damage from external impacts.
- Avoid subjecting the disc to significant temperature variations, as this can lead to condensation.

When to Avoid Using Discs

- Do not utilize a disc that is damaged, cracked, or of low quality, as it may break or shatter while being read or written at high speeds.
- The use of low-quality discs could result in extended recording times or may not be supported due to speed reduction.

WARNING

STREX is absolved of responsibility for any data loss incurred as a consequence of using such discs.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- READ the user instructions carefully and especially observe the safety information. If you do not follow the safety instructions and information on proper handling in this manual, we assume no liability for any resulting personal injury or damage to property. Such cases will invalidate the warranty.
- Electrical devices can expose people, especially children, to hazards that can cause serious injury or death. The use of electrical devices can present hazards including, but not limited to, injury, fire, electric shock, and damage to the electrical system. These safety instructions are intended to give you the information you need to use the STREX DVD Drive and avoid such hazards. Common sense and respect for the device will help reduce the risk of injury.
- All possible hazards cannot be covered here, but we have tried to highlight some of the important ones. Also, observe the warnings or safety instructions in the individual chapters of this manual.

Contact us by e-mail at info@strex.nl if you have questions that remain unanswered by these warnings & safety instructions.

GENERAL DEVICE SAFETY

- Do not use the DVD Drive for any other purpose other than its intended use (see the chapter “INTENDED USE”).
- The DVD Drive is designed and intended for household use and is not suitable for commercial or industrial use.
- The DVD Drive is intended for indoor use only. Do not use the device outdoors.
- Handle the device carefully. Jolts, impacts, or a fall even from a low height can damage the device.
- Always place the DVD Drive on a stable, hard, and horizontal surface.
- Do not place the DVD Drive under mechanical stress.
- The device needs to be properly and securely connected. Follow the instructions to prevent any possible damage/injury.
- Never use accessories not recommended by the manufacturer. They can pose a danger to the user and damage the device.
- Never drop or insert any object or fingers into any opening (excluding the manual eject hole).
- Do not apply excessive force when using the button or manual eject on the DVD Drive.
- Do not apply excessive force on the disc tray during inserting or removing a disc.
- Do not leave the switched-on DVD Drive unattended. Close supervision is necessary when used near small children.
- Do not move the DVD Drive while it is running.
- Do not use the DVD Drive in a place subject to excessive vibration.
- Never allow food particles or foreign matter to enter the disc tray.
- Do not use the DVD Drive near strong magnetic fields, e.g. motors, transformers, mobile phones, etc.
- Do not use the DVD Drive in dusty environments.
- If it is no longer possible to operate the DVD Drive safely, take it out of operation and protect it from any accidental use. A safe operation can no longer be guaranteed if the device:
 - is visibly damaged,
 - is no longer working properly,
 - has been stored for extended periods in poor ambient conditions or

- has been subjected to serious transport-related stresses.
- You can take DVD Drive out of operation by cutting the embedded USB cable.

PERSONS & USE

- The DVD Drive is not a toy. Keep and store it out of the reach of small children.
- Keep small children at a safe distance when using the DVD Drive.
- Children under the age of 12 should use the device only under the constant supervision of an adult.
- This device is not intended for use by persons with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the device by a person responsible for their safety

ELECTRONICS

- You may not reconstruct, self-repair, or disassemble the DVD Drive. This can damage the device.
- Maintenance, modifications, and repairs may only be carried out by the manufacturer, a professional workshop appointed by the manufacturer, or a similarly qualified person.
- Check the device from time to time for damage. Never use the device if it shows signs of damage.
- Make sure your computer/laptop USB port supplies the correct power voltage to avoid damage to the DVD Drive.
- Your computer/laptop USB port must be located near the device and be easily accessible.
- Unplug the embedded USB cable from the USB port of your computer/laptop if you do not use the device for an extended period, and before cleaning.
- Do not turn the laptop or computer while the indicator light is flashing. This may cause damage to the DVD Drive.
- Do not disconnect the DVD Drive while the indicator light is flashing. This may cause damage to the DVD Drive.
- If smoke is produced, or there are any unusual sounds or smells, stop using the DVD Drive immediately and unplug the embedded USB cable from the USB port of your

computer/laptop. In these cases, the DVD Drive should not be used until it has been inspected by the manufacturer, or a similarly qualified person. Never inhale smoke from a potential device fire. If you have inhaled smoke, however, consult a doctor. The inhalation of smoke can be harmful.

- For safety reasons, always unplug the device and your computer or laptop in case of a thunderstorm.

USB CABLE

- Do not modify the USB cable.
- Check the cable periodically for damage. Never use the cable if there are any signs of damage.
- Never force a connector into a USB port. If the connector and port don't come together easily, they probably don't match. Check for obstructions and make sure the connector matches the port and that you have correctly positioned the connector with the port.
- Never unplug the USB cable from the computer or laptop by pulling the cable. Always pull on the USB connector.
- The cable must not be kinked, pinched, or twisted.
- Make sure that the USB cable is not squeezed, bent, damaged by sharp edges, or put under mechanical stress.
- Never tie a knot in the cable.
- Avoid excessive thermal stress on the cable due to extreme heat or cold.

HEAT & COOLING

- The DVD Drive may become a little warm during operation. This is normal.
- Do not cover the device while it is in operation as this may cause the DVD Drive to overheat. This poses a risk of fire, electric shock, or injury.
- Keep the device away from heat sources and away from areas where the ambient temperature is relatively high (e.g. stoves or other heat sources). Never use a device near naked flames (such as burning candles) or on hot surfaces.
- The DVD Drive is designed to work best in normal ambient temperatures between 0°C and 35°C and to be stored at temperatures between 0°C and 45°C. The device

may be damaged and the life may be shortened if the device is stored or used outside this temperature range. Do not subject your devices to dramatic changes in temperature. Do not store your device in a hot car or direct sunlight for extended periods. Do not place the device near a window (especially in the summer).

- Use the device only in a moderate climate (not in a tropical climate).

WATER

- Never use the DVD Drive with damp or wet hands. Moisture can cause electric shock or short circuits.
- Do not use the DVD Drive in or near a bath, shower, swimming pool, or any container filled with water, such as a sink.
- Do not use in wet environments and do not immerse in liquid. Never pour liquids over or near the DVD Drive. There is a risk of electric shock/short circuit! If liquid does get into the housing unplug it immediately from the computer or laptop.
- Make sure the device is standing on a dry surface.

EYES

The DVD Drive is a Class 1 laser product classified according to the safety standard IEC 60825- 1:2014. This is a laser product or device that may include lasers of a higher class whose beams are confined within a suitable enclosure so that access to laser radiation is physically prevented. Such products do not require a laser warning label on the exterior.

There is a risk of exposure to invisible laser radiation if you open the housing or if the housing is defective or damaged. Do not open the housing. The DVD Drive does not contain any serviceable parts.

CLEANING

- Always unplug the device from the computer or laptop before cleaning.
- A soft dry cloth is recommended for cleaning the exterior and the tank of the DVD Drive. Dry with a soft cloth.
- Be careful not to put too much pressure on the button while cleaning.
- Do not immerse the DVD Drive in water or any other liquids. It is not allowed to rinse

the device with water, to prevent the water from leaking into the electrical circuit and causing malfunctions.

- Under no circumstances use aggressive cleaning agents, cleaning alcohol, or other chemical solutions since these can penetrate the housing or impair functionality.
- Do not use abrasive objects for cleaning.
- Cleaning must not be performed by children.

MAINTENANCE & SERVICE

- Apart from occasional cleaning, the DVD Drive is maintenance-free.
- You may not reconstruct, self-repair, or disassemble the DVD Drive.
- Check regularly for damage and severe wear.

WARNINGS

- Do not attempt to open the DVD Drive for maintenance. Removing the housing or improper reassembly may cause electric shocks, damage, short circuit, or fire.
- Removing the housing may cause exposure to harmful invisible laser radiation. Avoid direct exposure to the laser beam.
- If for any reason you open the housing, the warranty will become null and void. The DVD Drive contains no user-serviceable parts.
- Maintenance, service, and repairs may only be carried out by the manufacturer, a professional workshop appointed by the manufacturer, or a similarly qualified person. To obtain maintenance or service, contact us first at our e-mail address info@strex.nl
- For missing accessories such as the manual or other items, contact us at the above-mentioned e-mail address.
- In case of a defect, return the product to STREX with a failure description, proof of purchase, and all accessories.

STORAGE & TRANSPORT

- We advise cleaning the DVD Drive before long-time storage.
- Store the DVD Drive in a place not exposed to sunlight & humidity, and which is dust-free.
- Do not store the DVD Drive at extremely high or extremely low temperatures. This can

damage the device.


- Store the device beyond the reach of small children.
- Protect the device against vibrations and shocks during transport.
- After transport or storage at very cold temperatures, the DVD Drive must be accustomed to room temperature for approx. 30 minutes due to possible condensation. After that, the device can be used.

DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

This product is designed and manufactured with high-quality materials and components, which can be recycled and reused

Device Disposal



-  This product complies with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE).
- The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol on the appliance indicates that, at the end of its life, the product must be disposed of separately from normal household waste and taken to a separate collection center for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment or returned to the seller at the time a new similar device is purchased.
- The user is responsible for taking the device to a waste collection service at the end of its service life. Correct separate collection of waste with a view to subsequent recycling, processing, and environmentally friendly disposal of the device helps to prevent possible negative impacts on the environment and health and promotes the recycling of the materials of which the product is composed. The unlawful disposal of the product by the user results in administrative sanctions laid down by law.
- For more detailed information on the recycling of this product and the collection systems available, please contact your local waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.
Comply with your legal obligations and contribute to the protection of the environment.
- When disposing of the DVD Drive, safely cut the USB cable to ensure that the device can no longer be used.

Packing Material Disposal



Please follow the notes and markings on the packaging.

Ensure that plastic bags, packaging, etc. are properly disposed of. Do not just dispose of these materials with your normal household waste, but make sure they are collected for recycling.

WARRANTY & LIABILITY

STREX guarantees that for one year from the date of purchase, this product will be free from defects in materials and workmanship. This warranty applies to products used for personal purposes, and not for commercial or rental purposes. STREX, at its discretion, will replace or repair this product or any component of the product found to be defective during the warranty period. Replacement will be made with a new or refurbished product or component. If the product is no longer available, a replacement may be made with a similar product of equal or greater value. This is your exclusive warranty. Your replacement unit will be returned to you for no charge and will be covered under this warranty for the balance of the warranty period.

This warranty is valid for the original purchaser from the date of initial purchase and is not transferrable. Proof of purchase is required to obtain support under the warranty.

This warranty does not cover:

- Negligent use or misuse of the product;
- use with incorrect voltage or current;
- water damage;
- use contrary to the operating instructions;
- disassembly, repair, or modification by anyone other than STREX;
- damage caused by accidents or disasters, such as fire, flood, earthquake, war, vandalism, or theft;
- damage caused by incorrect maintenance and storage;
- Incompatibility with other hardware/software is not defined as minimum system requirement;
- exposure to adverse external influences, such as sunlight and other radiation or

- electromagnetic fields;
- normal wear and tear.

Damage caused by failure to observe this manual will void the warranty. We do not accept any liability for consequential damage. We accept no liability for material damage or personal injury caused by improper use or failure to observe the safety instructions. In such cases, the warranty becomes void.

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