

Important Notice to the subscribers of the DVD-RAM Format Specifications Book Ver.2.2, regarding compatibility with legacy devices for Class 1 discs

1. Scope.

This important notice is provided for the DVD-RAM Specifications Book Ver.2.2 Subscribers engaged in manufacturing “Class 1” DVD-RAM discs that include the basic recording speed of 6X and optional recording speeds of 8X, 12X and 16X (hereinafter “Subscribers”).

2. Background.

DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc (DVD-RAM) Part 1 PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS Version 2.1 were upgraded to Ver.2.2 in March 2004, where the new concept “Class” was introduced. Now, there are two “Classes” in Version 2.2, that is “Class 0 ” including the basic recording speed of 2X and optional recording speeds of 3X and 5X, and “Class 1” including the basic recording speed of 6X and optional recording speeds of 8X, 12X and 16X. This notice is for manufacturing “Class 1” DVD-RAM discs.

The Class 1 discs can be recorded only by Class 1 recording devices and cannot be recorded by the legacy Class 0 recording devices in the market, because the legacy Class 0 recording devices do not have any information for 6X, 8X, 12X and 16X speed recording. On the other hand, the Class 1 discs provide playback compatibility with most related drives, recorders and players.

However, some legacy models may not operate in the right way, that is, may not reach standby mode or take a longer time for standby, or may not play back the contents after standby, because the Class 1 disc is a new type disc for the Class 0 legacy devices.

Therefore, Subscribers may wish to provide an appropriate notice to end users regarding this potential issue. For this purpose, Subscribers may wish to consider the following example of a caution notice to end users.

3. Example of caution language.

As an example, the DVD Forum provides the following sample caution notice to be used

for Ver.2.2 "Class 1" Disc products for the above-specified purpose (hereinafter "the Sample Notice").

"CAUTION.

Always use this disc with hardware compliant with this disc, as indicated by "RAM2" mark* in the manual or front cover of such hardware .

This disc can be recorded only with the drive and recorder having "RAM2" mark.

This disc may be played back by most Drives, Recorders and Players NOT bearing the "RAM2" mark. However, some models NOT bearing the "RAM2" mark may not reach standby mode or take a longer time for standby, or may not play back the contents after standby.

Please check whether or not your hardware has the "RAM2" mark, or consult with your hardware manufacturer to confirm this disc's compatibility. "

*: The "RAM2" mark may be put on the hardware itself, or specified in its owner's manual or other printed materials.

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