

MUSIC FROM CASSETTES TO CDS

Program used – Easy CD Creator v. Platinum 5.0 saved as MP3 files

NOTE: Easy CD Creator Version 5 Platinum seems to work much better than ver 7.

In the MY DOCUMENTS folder create a subfolder and name it something like Cassettes.

Copy tape to your hard drive.

1. Connect tape player's OUT to the computers INPUT. Test by starting the player and see if the sound is heard on your computer's speakers. Should be heard if connections are correct. If you do not hear anything, do the following:

Double-click on the speaker icon located at the lower right on your taskbar. The volume-control menu should appear. Make sure the mute box under the "Line-in" category is **NOT** checked. Then click "Options", "Properties" and then "Recording" Make sure "Line-in" **IS** checked.

2. Start Easy CD Creator program. Select Make a Music CD...SOUNDSTREAM.
3. Click the rectangle blue button at the bottom of the Soundstream screen.
4. Click Spin Doctor. Click the record icon. Move the Input level slider to a little less than a quarter. The program defaults to whatever soundcard is on your computer as the Source.
5. Press the red RECORD button on Soundstream.
6. Type in a name for the tape being recorded. Press the Copy to FILE button and select the Cassette folder as the destination and file type as MP3.
7. Press the play button on the tape player. Then press RECORD on SoundStream.
8. When the Tape finishes, press PAUSE so the recording pauses.
9. Turn over the tape, press play and press Resume Recording on Sound Stream.
10. When the tape finishes 2nd side, press ENTER on the keyboard to stop SoundStream and close the file.
11. Close the program.

Copy tape MP3 files to a CD-R or a CD-RW using CD-Writer.

IF you copy the files as MP3 files, you will need an MP3 player, or a DVD player which specifically says it will play MP3s in order to listen to them. You can get many, many more MP3 files onto a CD-R disk than other formats.

1. Place a CD-R disk into the drive that is your CD-Writer drive.
2. On Easy CD Creator press the Make a DATA disk...DataCD Project (Share or archive your computer files.....)
3. Scroll down the top left column and locate the Cassette folder. Select the tapes you wish to save to the CD by clicking and then clicking ADD.
4. Press the RECORD button.
5. Speed should be set to 4X for CD-RW or to 16X for CD-R. Faster speeds may not allow playing on some MP3 or DVD players.

NOTE: You may elect to use CD-RW or CD-R disks and Copy as Music disks so they can be played on any stereo or cd player. I chose MP3 because more files fit on a CD using MP3.

A useful free program to have is MP3Gain. With that little program, you can select the files to be copied to a cd and regulate the volume of all of them so that you don't have one song that is loud and another so soft you can't hear without adjusting volume.

Note: IF this still sounds too much for you and you'd like someone else to transfer your music to CDs, send Jeff Miller an email jdmiller2000@comcast.net.

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