Creative INFRA 40X CD-ROM drive allows you to play audio CDs, skip or stop a track, and eject the CD using the controls located on your drive’s front panel. It also comes with a software application that transforms your CD-ROM drive into an even more versatile CD player. A unique feature of this CD-ROM drive is the infrared receiver on its front panel. The receiver allows you to control the drive and some system applications via the Creative INFRA remote control.
Your drive’s front panel has various controls as shown in Figure 1.

Disc tray
Has a motorized loading system and is where the compact disc is placed. To eject the tray, press the Stop/Eject button.

Infrared Remote Control receiver
Works with Creative iNFRA Remote and Creative iNFRA Suite* — together they allow you to control the CD-ROM drive and other applications in your system.

Stereo Phone jack
Connects a pair of earphones or powered speakers to the drive.

Volume Control buttons
Adjusts the volume of your earphones or speakers connected to the front panel Stereo Phone jack. **Note: If you have installed Creative iNFRA Suite, the Volume Control button will allow you to adjust the master volume through the mixer.**

Busy indicator
Lights up in green whenever the drive is reading data from a disc in Normal mode and in amber when it is in Special mode. It will light up in reddish-orange when the drive is receiving infrared signals from the remote control.

Play/Skip button
Plays the audio CD in the drive. While the audio CD is playing, you can press this button to skip a track. To fast forward the audio track, press and hold this button.

Stop/Eject button
Allows you to stop playing a CD. It also allows you to eject or close the disc tray. **Note: The tray will not be ejected if it is locked by a software application. In such an instance, quit the application before you press the Stop/Eject button.**

Pause/Previous button
Pauses the audio CD track that is playing in the drive. To resume playing, press the Play/Skip button. To jump to a previous track, press this button twice in quick succession. To fast rewind the track that you are playing, press and hold this button.

Mode button
Allows you to switch the drive between Normal and Special mode**. Press this button once will allow you to switch to the Special mode. To switch back to the Normal mode, press the Mode button again. If you have Creative iNFRA Suite installed into your system, pressing this button twice (in quick succession) will invoke the drive to read to you the current track number of the audio CD that you are playing.

**Note: The Special mode enhances the stability and disc-reading capability of the drive.

*Important: If you are installing Creative iNFRA Suite, ensure that your system meets the minimum requirements. Please refer to the "Creative iNFRA Remote" leaflet.

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Your drive’s rear panel has various connectors as shown in Figure 2.

**Digital Output connector**
Connects to a digital audio tape (DAT) or professional audio recording system for digital recording.

*Note:* This connector follows the EBU-IEC958 standard set by the European Broadcast Union (EBU).

**Enhanced IDE CD-ROM Data connector**
Allows data transfer between the CD-ROM drive and the host computer via a 40-way IDE interface cable.

**CD Audio connector**
Allows you to direct audio output from your CD-ROM drive to your audio card when connected using a CD Audio cable.

**Power In connector**
Allows electrical power to be directed from your PC to the drive when connected to a power cable.

**Master/Slave jumper**
Allows you to set the drive as the Master or Slave drive when you connect more than one CD-ROM drive on the same IDE Data cable.

*Note:* CS is reserved and should not be used.

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**Figure 2:** Rear panel of your CD-ROM drive.
Ejecting the Disc Tray

When there is a power or system failure, you can eject the disc tray by inserting and pushing a straightened paper clip into the Eject hole and pull out the ejected tray gently.

Figure 3: Ejecting the disc tray.

Troubleshooting

Problems with CD-ROM Drive

This section helps you solve some problems you might encounter while installing or using your CD-ROM drive and software.

No sound from speakers.

Causes

This could be due to one of the following causes:

- The audio cable or speakers are not connected properly.
- The volume is not adjusted to an audible level.
- The drive may be faulty.

Solutions

Perform one of the following:

- Ensure that the CD Audio cable is connected to the CD Audio connectors on the drive and the audio card. Also, ensure that the speakers are connected to the audio card’s Speaker Out jack.
- Ensure that the volume of your mixer software is set to an audible range.
Connect your headphone to your drive’s Stereo Phone jack. If there is no sound from the headphone, consult your dealer about the faulty drive.

**CD-ROM drive is not ready.**

**Cause**  The power cable or CD-ROM Data cable is not connected.

**Solution**  Ensure that the power cable and CD Audio cable are connected properly to the drive.

## Features and Specifications

### General Features

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<td><strong>Transfer Rate</strong></td>
<td>40X speed. This means that the drive can supply a maximum stream of information at 6,000 KB per second to the PC bus.</td>
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<td><strong>CD-ROM Standards</strong></td>
<td>The drive meets the MPC level 2 and 3 requirements for CD-ROM. It is also single and multi-session compliant.</td>
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<td><strong>Multiple Drive Support</strong></td>
<td>The drive allows you to connect more than one CD-ROM drives to your PC.</td>
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<td><strong>Infrared Receiver</strong></td>
<td>The drive can be controlled remotely when used together with Creative iNFRA Remote and Creative iNFRA Suite installed on the host computer.</td>
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## Technical Specifications

### Physical Dimensions
- **Height**: 42 mm
- **Width**: 149 mm
- **Depth**: 203 mm
- **Color**: PC white

### Performance Characteristics
- **Access Time**
  - $\frac{1}{3}$ Stroke: 85 msec (Typical)
  - Full Stroke: 150 msec (Typical)
- **Buffer Memory**: 256 KB
- **Data Transfer Rate (Sustained)**: 6,000 KB/sec (40X)
- **Read Error Rates**
  - Soft Read Error: $< 10^{-9}$
  - Hard Read Error: $< 10^{-12}$
  - Seek Read Error: $< 10^{-6}$
- **Mean Time Between Failure**: 100,000 Power On Hour (POH) at 15% Duty
- **Power Supply**
  - 5 Volts DC, 1.0 Amp (max)
  - 12 Volts DC, 1.5 Amp (max)
- **Disc Formats Supported**
  - CD-Audio
  - CD EXTRA, CD-Plus, and Enhanced CD
  - CD-I
  - CD-R and CD-RW
  - CD-ROM Mode 1 and Mode 2
  - CD-ROM/XA Mode 2, Form 1 and 2
  - Photo CD
  - Pre-Gap CD
  - Video CD

Refer to the Glossary section for a detailed explanation of the various CD formats.
### Typical Audio Performance

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<td>Output Level: 0.7 V&lt;sub&gt;rms&lt;/sub&gt; (± 20% at 50 kΩ)</td>
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<td>Signal to Noise Ratio: &gt; 75 dB (at 1 kHz)</td>
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<td>Total Harmonic Distortion: 0.1% (at 1 kHz)</td>
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<td>Headphone</td>
<td>Channel Separation: &gt; 50 dB (at 1 kHz)</td>
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<td>Frequency Response: 100 Hz to 20 kHz (± 3 dB)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Output Level: 0.6 V&lt;sub&gt;rms&lt;/sub&gt; (± 20% at 32 Ω)</td>
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<td>Signal to Noise Ratio: &gt; 65 dB (at 1 kHz)</td>
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<td>Compact Disc. An optical storage medium, 12cm in diameter, which has a much higher capacity (up to 650MB) but slower access speed than hard disks.</td>
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<td><strong>CD-Audio</strong></td>
<td>Compact Disc—Audio. Another name for Compact Disc—Digital Audio (CD-DA). The forerunner of all CD formats, this specification was established in 1980 by Sony and Philips.</td>
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<td><strong>CD-Bridge</strong></td>
<td>A CD-Bridge disc is defined as a CD-ROM/XA disc with additional codes in the CD-ROM/XA tracks. This allows the output to be shown on a TV screen (with CD-I players), and on a computer monitor (with CD-ROM/XA players). The specifications for the CD-Bridge disc are known as the White Book. Examples of CD-Bridge discs are the Photo CD and the Video CD.</td>
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<td><strong>CD-I</strong></td>
<td>Compact Disc—Interactive. Released in 1986 to extend the CD-ROM’s Mode 2 definition, CD-I format improved the synchronization of retrieving data, graphics and audio information.</td>
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<td><strong>CD EXTRA</strong></td>
<td>Also known as CD-Plus or Enhanced CD, CD EXTRA is a two-session disc format defined by Philips and Sony. The first session contains the CD-Audio tracks which can store up to 98 tracks. The second session contains the CD-ROM data track. See Mixed-Mode and Pre-Gap CD.</td>
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CD-R Compact Disc—Recordable.
Information on CD-R discs is written using a laser-based desktop CD recorder whereas information on commercially duplicated compact discs is stamped using nickel masters. Generally, most CD-R discs are gold in color, unlike silver-colored CD-Audio or CD-ROM discs.

CD-ROM Compact Disc—Read Only Memory.
The CD-ROM standard was published in 1983 by Sony and Philips. It defines more error correction than the CD-Audio format as inaccuracy is more critical in data retrieval than in music playback.

An extended CD-ROM format developed in 1988 by Philips, Sony, and Microsoft that provides synchronized data and audio, as well as additional hardware for the compression and decompression of audio information. CD-ROM/XA improves the discs’ capability to store and playback multimedia.

Mixed-Mode The Mixed-Mode disc is a single session disc comprising both data and audio tracks. The data is contained in the first track and the audio in one or more of the subsequent tracks. The disadvantage of a Mixed-Mode disc is its inability to play properly on an audio player. This is because the audio player will always read the first data track which causes a loud grating sound to emanate from the speakers. Thus formats, such as the Pre-Gap CD and CD EXTRA, were created to help solve this problem.

Photo CD A CD-Bridge disc. Released in 1990 by the Eastman Kodak company to provide a standard for storing high-quality photographic images. This standard is based on the CD-ROM/XA format.
Pre-Gap CD

Similar to the Mixed-Mode disc, the Pre-Gap CD is also a single session disc with both data and audio tracks. Like the Mixed-Mode disc, the first track is always the data track and the subsequent tracks are the audio tracks. The difference between the Pre-Gap CD and Mixed-Mode disc is that its first data track is hidden so that an audio player will not be able to read the data track and instead, it will play the audio tracks only.

Video CD

Video CD is a CD-Bridge disc. It can be played on a number of devices but must always contain a CD-I application in order to be played on any CD-I player. The Video CD is multi-platform compatible due to its Bridge format and is also independent of broadcasting standards such as NTSC and PAL.