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## Master Preparation Guidelines

If you are providing a CD/DVD master, please follow these guidelines:

- Your master disc must be single session. When using your burning software be sure you are creating a single session CD or DVD master. Multisession discs cannot be duplicated.
- All master discs must be finalized and closed for no further write before duplication or replication is possible.
- Check master disc for physical complications. Heavy scratches, chocolate fingerprints, labeling disc with ball point pen, improperly balanced labels, dirt and smudges can affect the ability to copy.
- Test your master. When checking a master always remember the disc should be checked on a computer other than the one that created the master – like using your home computer to check a master you created at your office.
- CD master should not be any larger than 650 MB for replication. 700 MB disc can be copied but please understand any disc larger than 650 MB does not meet the Red Book Standard guidelines.
- For your video DVDs, make sure your region codes are set appropriately for the region that you want it to play in.
- All region codes on DVD masters must be the same. For example if your video is authored as region code 1 and your burning software is set as region code 0. This will create a problem with your master DVD for replication.
- With any shape CD/DVD order be sure that your data size fits within the capacity of the disc you are ordering. Please see the artwork templates page on our website for disc capacity.
- All of the material on your disc must have proper copyright authorization. If you are unsure or need to obtain copyright license please visit [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov) (questions about copyrights), [www.copyright.com](http://www.copyright.com) (data copyright information) and/or [www.harryfox.com](http://www.harryfox.com) (music copyright information).

If you have any questions or are unsure how to create a master, please give us a call. We'd love to help.