



DVD and CD Disk Longevity

These link to articles about how long DVDs and CDs last. Essentially, they warn that disks should not be your only copy of unique records and information. Anything planned for long-term retention should be saved to hard drives and checked on a regular basis for accessibility.

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<http://computerworld.com/hardwaretopics/storage/story/0,10801,107607,00.html>

Wilhelm Imaging Research:

<http://www.wilhelm-research.com/>

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http://www.wilhelm-research.com/usa_today/USAToday_Article_2004_07_27.pdf

Burning for the long haul *LiveWire* June 15, 2006

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/cameras--videos/burning-for-the-long-haul/2006/06/14/1149964545127.html>

Dirty Little Secrets

http://www.film-to-video.com/dirty_little_secrets.html

Understanding DVDs *Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA)*

<http://www.osta.org/technology/dvdqa11.htm>

CD & DVD Longevity: How Long Will They Last? *Audioholics* August 2004

<http://www.audioholics.com/education/audio-formats-technology/cd-and-dvd-longevity-how-long-will-they-last>

Kodak, on handling disks:

<http://www.kmpmedia.com/consumer/information/tips-for-handling-and-storing-cdsdvds/dos-and-donts>

The Relative Stabilities of Optical Disc Formats *International Journal for the Preservation of Library and Archival Material* 2005

<http://www.uni-muenster.de/Forum-Bestandserhaltung/downloads/iraci.pdf>

Canadian Conservation Institute

<http://www.uni-muenster.de/Forum-Bestandserhaltung/downloads/iraci.pdf>

Digging Up Bits of the Past: Hands-on With Obsolescence *RLG News*

http://www.rlg.org/en/page.php?Page_ID=20987&Printable=1&Article_ID=1856