

SNAZZI* III AV.DV (EVO EDITION)

The Snazzi* III AV.DV (Evo Edition) is another affordable video solution for making high quality DVD and min/DVDs from both digital video and analog video sources.

Aimed at the growing camcorder and editing market, the Snazzi comes with MovieMill and DV Studio software, designed to facilitate and speed up the creation process. DVD is now the fastest growing consumer format, and surely it's only a matter of time before transferring VHS to DVD at home becomes the norm. Though the Snazzi is pretty easy to use once installed, it is not quite plug-and-play. People who managed to set up their video recorders some years back should be able to keep pace.

One of the powerful features of the Snazzi III AD.DV is the DV to MPEG loopback recording. This enables users to convert DV clips into VCDs, DVDs or SVCDs formats quickly, as the encoding or transcoding from DV source to output sources is done on the hardware encoder chip, without software compression.

This card does not bundle an external breakout box. All connections are made directly to the card itself. At the back of the card are two IEEE1394 Firewire ports, an analog line in, one S-Video input and two composite inputs. There's also another internal Firewire port.

We captured video to the hard drive through an IEEE 1394 connection. Although DV Studio helps in the DV capturing process, we preferred to use WinProducer DVD3 as it allows batch file capturing and editing. The interface of the WinProducer DVD 3 is quite straightforward. The software's four-channel timeline provides tracks for videos, titles, music, and narration. When a user wants to edit his videos, he can simply drag and drop video clips into a media manager screen.

The Snazzi* III AV.DV is capable of creating MPEG files in real-time, making it ready for burning immediately soon after you have edited your video. This feature dramatically reduces the amount of time used during the post-editing encode process by integrating hardware rendering capability to produce high quality MPEG video files ready for immediate use.

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Features: Provides DV to MPEG loop back recording; features keyframe, drag-and-drop editing, multiple timelines, 46 different transitions effects, over 60 overlay (picture-in-picture) effects, and over 40 different audio effects.

Platform: Windows98SE, Windows ME, Windows XP or Windows 2000

Minimum Requirement: MPEG-1: PII 450MHz; MPEG-2: PIII 650MHz; DV to MPEG-1 transcoding: PIII 750MHz; DV to MPEG-2 transcoding: P4 1.4GHz; DV to AVI-DV transfer: PII 450MHz.

Comments: Unlike some of Snazzi's video capture products, this card does not bundle an external breakout box. All connections are made directly to the card itself, the PCI card.

Retail Price: \$5499

Warranty: 1 year

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Bundled software includes Movie Factory for capturing video and audio clips (thumbnail image viewing), and editing video for archiving into a DVD-R/RW, CD-RW and CD-R using faster than real-time transcoding technology. Snazzi Movie Mill and DVStudio enable users to make stand-alone executable multimedia presentations in a few easy steps.



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