

## **[HOWPC] Review on Snazzi\* III USB2 Gold Deluxe**

### **Snazzi\* III USB2 Gold Deluxe**

Now it is not so hard thing to be equipped with video creation environment with the DVD quality.

It is enough for you to have a device to save in DVD format and a software. Snazzi\* III USB2 Gold Deluxe is an encoding solution to make this environment more easily.

### **Saving in DVD format and excellent video quality**

The necessities to create DVD video are Encoding device and software. Snazzi\* III USB2 is a package product with external encoding device and editing software.

The external encoder, Snazzi\* III USB2 is as easy to use as it looks simple. Once you have connected VCR, camcorder or other video device to one of 2 input connector, it is almost done. The external encoder transfers data in so fast speed of USB 2.0 that it is sufficient to handle great amount of video data to PC without dropping any frames. Users with old mainboard need to install USB 2.0 PCI card, which is provided with Snazzi\* III USB2 Gold Deluxe, as it does not have USB 2.0 feature.

This card also has IEEE1394 port and is ready to use to connect with digital camcorders. If you have a little knowledge on hardware it doesn't takes 5 minute to complete installation of the encoder & PCI card.

The basic software, Movie Mill can create or resize video in DVD, VCD or SVCD format just by selecting input port and clicking record button. After we have tested saving 3 minute video repeatedly using Movie Mill, there was no frame drop or synchronizing failure, which may happen with other external encoders.

We have tested saving in MPEG-2 format video in 720 X 480 pixels at 5Mbps and MPEG audio at 224Kbps and the video/audio quality were both satisfactory. Repeated test showed the same results. It was also due to the clean source withough distortion. The quality of the video produced from normal video input(composite) was much better than that from general capture boards.

### **Inconvenience was the separate process of capturing and editing**

Snazzi\* III USB2 Gold Deluxe includes many bundle softwares including Movie Mill, WinProducer 3, Media Studio Pro 6.5 VE, DVD Workshop, Flip Album Suite 4.2, Cool 3D, and WinDVD 4. You can use separate softwares according to the nature of editing, so you don't have to worry about software. But the problem was that you can only capture from Movie Mill. As it doesn't provide with capture driver for editing software the capture feature of each editing software doesn't work it.

Snazzi\* III USB2 is a solution for anyone to work with easy and powerful features and we expect it to consider more detail part of included software and usage so that it can reach market from the expert to novice.

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### **Product information**

Including: Snazzi III USB2 main body, USB 2.0/IEEE 1394 PCI card, AV cable, S-Video cable, USB 2.0 cable, AC adapter, MovieMill, Media Studio Pro 6.5 VE, WinProducer 3, DVD Workshop, User Manual

#### Specification:

Interface - USB 2.0/ USB 1.1

Video format - MPEG-2/MPEG-1

Audio format - MPEG/PCM

Max resolution - NTSC 720x480/ PAL 720-576

Port - 2 composite, 1 S-Video, 2 stereo input(are for external device), 5 USB 2.0 port, 3 IEEE 1394 port(are for internal PCI card)

Size - 170x120x30mm

Weight - 400g

#### Test Environment:

CPU - AMD Athlon XP 1900+

Memory - 256MB

MainBoard - nVIDIA nForce chipset mainboard

HDD - Barracuda 60GB

Graphic card - GeForce 2 GTS

OS - Korean Windows XP

#### Product evaluation:

Performance - \*\*\*\*

Reliability - \*\*\*

Usability - \*\*\*\*

Additional features - \*\*\*\*

Overall - \*\*\*\*

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