

FSK Ratings on Optical Media and their Packaging

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1. General Information

This guide contains information on how to use the FSK age rating symbols on packaged media releases (DVD, Blu-ray and other physical formats).

An attempt was made to cover a large portion of the image carriers and their different packaging forms which are available on the market. The regulations for the size and positioning of the ratings on image carriers and their covers are governed by § 12 (2) of the Youth Protection Act (JuSchG).

You can find the complete Youth Protection Act [here](#).

Since 1 January 2023, FSK publishes descriptors in addition to age ratings for films with a runtime of 60 minutes or more and series episodes based on § 14 (2a) of the JuSchG. This allows children, teenagers and parents to understand quickly the main reasons for the FSK age rating. The descriptors are intended to provide families with more guidance when selecting film content and will be published on various distribution channels as well as on www.fsk.de.

In practice, questions often arise regarding the correct interpretation of legal requirements. Therefore, the examples shown here have been coordinated with the Ministry for Family, Women, Culture and Integration of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate as the lead agency of the Supreme State Youth Authorities.

We thank Universal Pictures for allowing us to use their artwork to illustrate this guide better. The illustrations are to be understood as samples. They do not always represent existing products.

We hope that this guide can answer your questions regarding the usage of FSK's age rating symbols and descriptors on packaged media.

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2. The FSK Ratings

The age ratings imposed by FSK in a joint procedure with the Supreme State Youth Authorities of the Federal States are statutory ratings. They are under copyright protection. It is a punishable offence to misuse them. As specified in § 14, Sub-Clause 2, JuSchG, there are the following ratings:

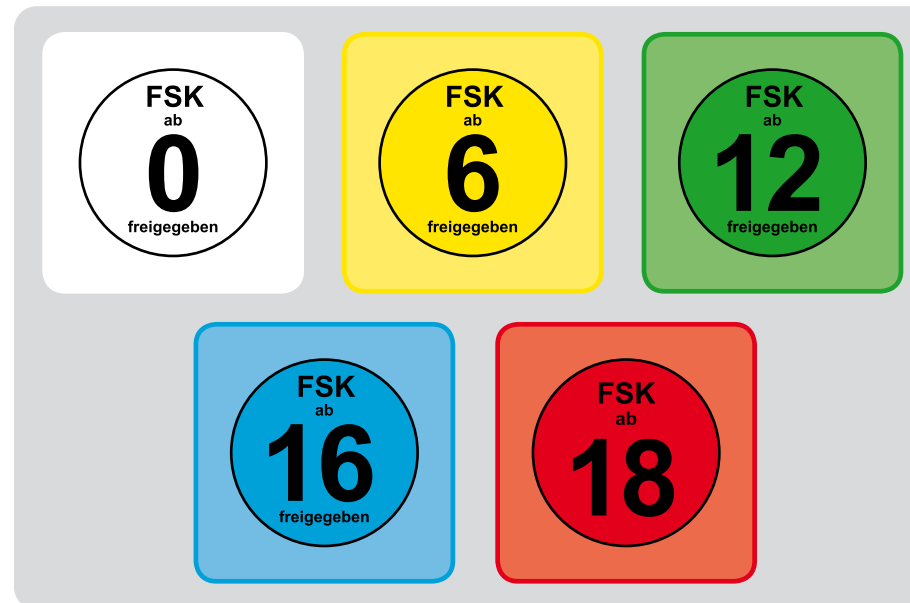
- Freigegeben ohne Altersbeschränkung (Released for general audiences, without age restriction)
- Freigegeben ab sechs Jahren (Released for audiences as of six years of age)
- Freigegeben ab zwölf Jahren (Released for audiences as of twelve years of age)
- Freigegeben ab sechzehn Jahren (Released for audiences as of 16 years of age)
- Keine Jugendfreigabe (Restricted to audiences below 18 years of age)

The ratings look as follows:

Rating 250 mm²



Rating 1200 mm²



2. The FSK Ratings

2.1 Design and Technical Specifications

The FSK ratings must be applied to all publications of optical media with films that are to be made accessible to children or adolescents in public. The following requirements for the application of the ratings to optical data and their packaging must be met under § 12, Sub-Clause 2, JuSchG:

Optical media (disc):

Size: at least 250 mm²
(1.50 cm x 1.50 cm)

Position: integration into the printed area

Packaging:

Size: at least 1,200 mm²
(3.46 cm x 3.46 cm)

Position: front side, bottom left

The rating can be integrated into the print copy (it need not be integrated into the artwork); alternatively, the rating can be applied to the case or the cover with a permanent sticker (non-dischargeable without assistive equipment). If the colour design of the background blocks out the square contour of the rating, it has to be optically delineated, e.g., by a frame.

For optical media smaller than 2,000 mm², the rating may be reduced to a size of ca 144 mm². If the distributor proves that for technical reasons this kind of rating is not feasible, an exception to this regulation may be made.

For optical media smaller than 1,500 mm² and for the colour design, the Supreme State Youth Authorities of the Federal States can permit further exceptions ([cf. 2.4 Exemptions](#)).

↳ Downloads

- [Print copies of the FSK ratings](#)
- [Further information on the design of FSK ratings](#)

2. The FSK Ratings

2.2 Notice Before the Feature Film

All publications of optical media with films should indicate the legal bases and contentual importance of the ratings by means of an insert before the feature film which cannot be skipped, concluding a link to the FSK homepage.

The text of the insert is as follows:

"Die FSK-Kennzeichnungen erfolgen auf der Grundlage von §§ 12, 14 Jugendschutzgesetz. Sie sind gesetzlich verbindliche Kennzeichen, die von der FSK im Auftrag der Obersten Landesjugendbehörden vorgenommen werden. Die FSK-Kennzeichnungen sind keine pädagogischen Empfehlungen, sondern sollen sicherstellen, dass das körperliche, geistige oder seelische Wohl von Kindern und Jugendlichen einer bestimmten Altersgruppe nicht beeinträchtigt wird. Weitere Informationen erhalten Sie unter www.fsk.de."

2.3 Rating of Information or Educational Programmes

Distributors of films or film programmes for information, instruction or teaching purposes may mark their products "Infoprogramm" (informational programme) or "Lehrprogramm" (educational programme) if they are clearly harmless to children or adolescents (§ 14, Sub-Clause 7, JuSchG).

The size and positioning of these ratings is subject to the same specifications as the ones for the FSK ratings. Downloads are also available here:

↳ Downloads

- [Exemplary print copys for the ratings "Infoprogramm" \(informational programme\) and "Lehrprogramm" \(educational programme\)](#)
- [Further information on the design of the ratings "Infoprogramm" \(informational programme\) and "Lehrprogramm" \(educational programme\)](#)

2.4 Exemptions

A deviating labelling can only be granted if an exceptional permission is applied for in accordance with § 12, Sub-Clause 2, Phrase 2, JuSchG, at the Supreme State Youth Authorities of the Federal States in charge. The informal application should contain a sample of the intended labelling. Electronically stored samples will be accepted if the finished product is clearly evident.

The applications for exceptional permissions are to be addressed to:

**Ministerium für Familie, Frauen, Kultur
und Integration des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz**
Referat 735
Kaiser-Friedrich-Straße 5 a
55116 Mainz
Germany
E-Mail: ruth.ohlmann@mffki.rlp.de

3. Descriptors

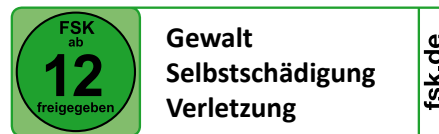
Since 1 January 2023, FSK has been publishing descriptors in addition to the age rating symbols for films with a runtime of 60 minutes or more and series episodes. These descriptors are intended to promote orientation for children, adolescents, parents, and educational professionals in media use and education according to § 10a JuSchG.

The descriptors allow children, adolescents, and parents to recognise immediately the reasons for the FSK age rating.

The descriptors are determined in the context of FSK review procedures, are communicated to the applicants together with the classification result, and are published on www.fsk.de.

No descriptors are set for films and episodes with an FSK age rating of 0 years. Existing ratings (all prior to 1 January 2023) are not affected by the regulation unless a classification is requested. For each film or episode, one to three descriptors are provided indicating the essential youth protection-related reasons for the age rating.

Example visualisation:



Unlike the rating and labelling of films by the Supreme State Youth Authorities, the determination of descriptors is not a sovereign measure in the form of administrative acts. Rather, FSK, in accordance with § 14 para. 2a JuSchG, obliges applicants who apply for an age rating to attach additional information if descriptors have also been determined as part of the rating decision. In return, the Supreme State Youth Authorities do not exercise their power of instruction within the meaning of § 14 para. 2a JuSchG.

3. Descriptors

3.1 Design and Technical Specifications

In contrast to the design and technical specifications of the FSK rating labels ([see 2.1.](#)), there is greater flexibility in the design of the descriptors on the cover of optical media. The depiction of the descriptors consists of a text reference in conjunction with the respective FSK age rating on the back of the cover of image carriers. Preferably, the provider should choose a position within the lower two-thirds of the packaging.

↳ Downloads

- [Print copies of the descriptors](#)
- [Further information on the design of descriptors](#)

The indications must be easily readable and clearly perceivable. The descriptors on the back of the cover are designed in a rectangular shape. A rectangular border, possibly with rounded corners, can be used for better delimitation. The rectangle consists of two or three areas:

1. On the left, the age rating label or alternatively a textual reference to the FSK and the age rating as a number is located, left-aligned. If the textual reference is used, the background of this area must be coloured with the corresponding colour of the respective label.
2. The remaining area on the right lists the descriptors in text form and can be coloured in the background with the corresponding colour of the respective FSK label. Integration into the artwork is possible if good visibility is ensured.

Note:

In addition to descriptors that indicate the reasons for the age rating, the legislator has also provided descriptors for usage functionalities. These include, for example, chats, purchase options, or location sharing for online games. These descriptors usually do not apply to film content.

If such usage risks are identified for film content, the following applies in addition:

3. Below, on the full width of the rectangle, the descriptors are listed by usage functionalities. For FSK age ratings of 0 years and up, descriptors for usage functionalities may be listed in the right field. If there are both reasons for the age rating and descriptors for usage functionalities, both the left area with the age rating and the right area must be coloured accordingly to the age rating label.

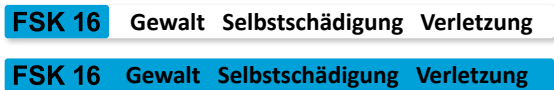
3. Descriptors

Variant 1:

Rectangular Descriptors with Textual Reference to the FSK Age Rating¹

On the area to the right of the age rating reference, the descriptors are listed in text form. This area can be coloured with the corresponding colour of the respective rating.

Example visualisation:



Variant 2:

Descriptors Integrated into Artwork with Textual Reference to the FSK Age Rating¹

On the area to the right of the age rating reference, the descriptors are listed in text form and integrated into the artwork. This area can be coloured with the corresponding colour of the respective rating.

Example visualisation:

SPIELFILM-LAUFEIT: ca. 92 Minuten		
BILD: 16:9 (1.85:1 Letterbox) TON: Englisch 5.1 DTS HD Master Audio Deutsch, Spanisch, Italienisch 5.1 DTS	UNTERTITEL: Deutsch, Spanisch, Italienisch, Englisch für Hörgeschädigte	FSK 6 Bedrohung belastende Szenen Sprache
SPIELFILM-LAUFEIT: ca. 92 Minuten		
BILD: 16:9 (1.85:1 Letterbox) TON: Englisch 5.1 DTS HD Master Audio Deutsch, Spanisch, Italienisch 5.1 DTS	UNTERTITEL: Deutsch, Spanisch, Italienisch, Englisch für Hörgeschädigte	FSK 6 Bedrohung belastende Szenen Sprache

Variant 3:

Rounded Rectangular Descriptors with Depiction of the FSK Rating¹

On the area to the right of the FSK rating, the descriptors are listed in text form and can be coloured in the background with the corresponding colour of the respective rating.

Example visualisation:



3. Descriptors

Variant 4:

Descriptors with Usage Functionalities

If there are reasons for age rating as well as descriptors for usage functionalities, both the left area with the age rating and the right area should be coloured accordingly to the age rating symbol. Below that, the descriptors are listed on the full width of the rectangle, arranged by usage functionalities. In case of the FSK age rating of 0 years (suitable for all ages), descriptors for usage functionalities may be listed in the right field.

Example visualisation:



Note:

Descriptors based on usage functionalities are usually not applicable to film content and are an exception.

3. Descriptors

3.2 Selection of Descriptors for Multiple Series Episodes or Films

When multiple series episodes or films are released with descriptors in one packaging, only a maximum of three descriptors with reasons for the age rating should be displayed on the packaging. The selection of relevant descriptors is made in three steps.

1. Initially, only the series episodes or films with the highest age rating, which are also decisive for the labelling, are considered.

Example:

- Episode 1: **FSK 12**, Gewalt, Drogenkonsum, Verletzung
- Episode 2: **FSK 12**, Gewalt, Diskriminierung
- Episode 3: FSK 6, ~~Bedrohung~~, belastende Szenen, Sprache
- Episode 4: FSK 6, ~~Bedrohung~~
- Episode 5: **FSK 12**, Selbstschädigung, Verletzung

2. Descriptors that are mentioned multiple times are only considered once.

Note: This can lead to only one or two descriptors remaining.

Example:

- Episode 1: FSK 12, **Gewalt, Drogenkonsum, Verletzung**
- Episode 2: FSK 12, ~~Gewalt~~, **Diskriminierung**
- Episode 5: FSK 12, **Selbstschädigung, Verletzung**

3. If more than three descriptors are relevant, the selection and order are made based on their prioritisation (from top to bottom) in the table “Prioritisation of descriptors” on [page 13](#).

Example:

- Episode 1: FSK 12, **Gewalt, Drogenkonsum, Verletzung**
- Episode 2: FSK 12, ~~Gewalt~~, ~~Diskriminierung~~
- Episode 5: FSK 12, **Selbstschädigung, Verletzung**

In the example given, the relevant descriptors on the back of the cover are:

**FSK 12,
Gewalt, Selbstschädigung, Drogenkonsum**

3. Descriptors

3.3 Table “Prioritisation of Descriptors”

If more than three descriptors are relevant, the selection is made based on their prioritisation – in order from top to bottom.



Bedrohung
Risikoverhalten
belastende Szenen
Ausgrenzung
Sprache



sexualisierte Gewalt
Gewalt
Selbstschädigung
Drogenkonsum
Diskriminierung
Sexualität
Bedrohung
Verletzung
belastende Themen
Sprache
Nacktheit

3. Descriptors

3.4 Exemplary Visualisations for Descriptors on the Paper Cover

Variant 1: Rectangular descriptors with textual indication of FSK age rating

On the area to the right of the indication of the age rating with corresponding colour, the descriptors are listed in text form. This area can also be coloured with the corresponding colour of the respective label.



Film: © 2016/2017 Open 4 Business Production

SPRACHEN		UNTERTITEL	
Deutsch	5.1	Deutsch	
Englisch	5.1	Englisch	

FSK 16 Gewalt Selbstschädigung Verletzung

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3. Descriptors

Variant 2: Descriptors integrated into artwork with textual reference to FSK age rating

On the area to the right of the age rating reference with corresponding colour coding, the descriptors are listed in text form, integrated into the artwork. This area can also be coloured with the respective colour of the age rating label.



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ZEIT: 93 Minuten

UNTERTITEL: deutsch, englisch	FSK 16	Gewalt Selbstschädigung Diskriminierung
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3. Descriptors

Variant 3: Rounded rectangular descriptors with depiction of the FSK label

On the space to the right of the FSK label, the descriptors are presented in text form and can be coloured with the corresponding colour of the respective label in the background.



> FSK

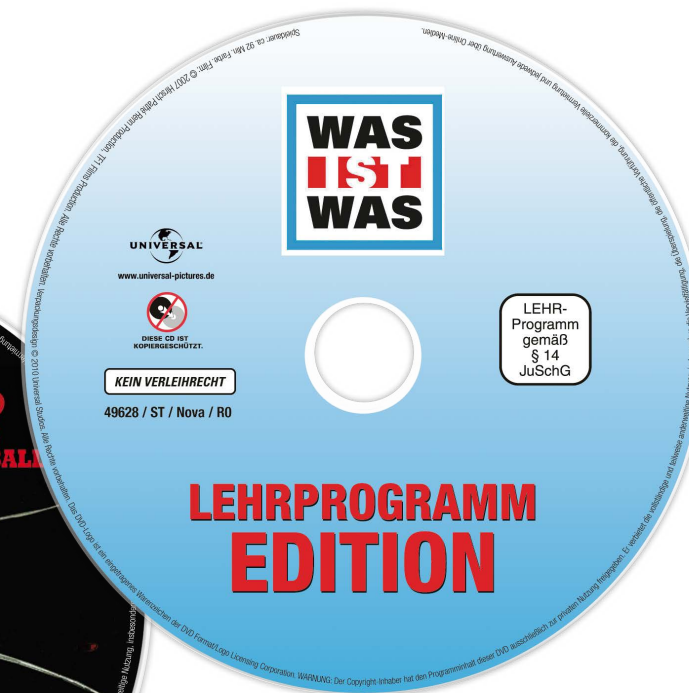
4. Optical Media: DVD / Blu-ray / CD



DVD



Blu-ray



CD

5. Plastic Cases



5.1 With Paper Sleeve



FSK rating printed on paper sleeve together with cover artwork.

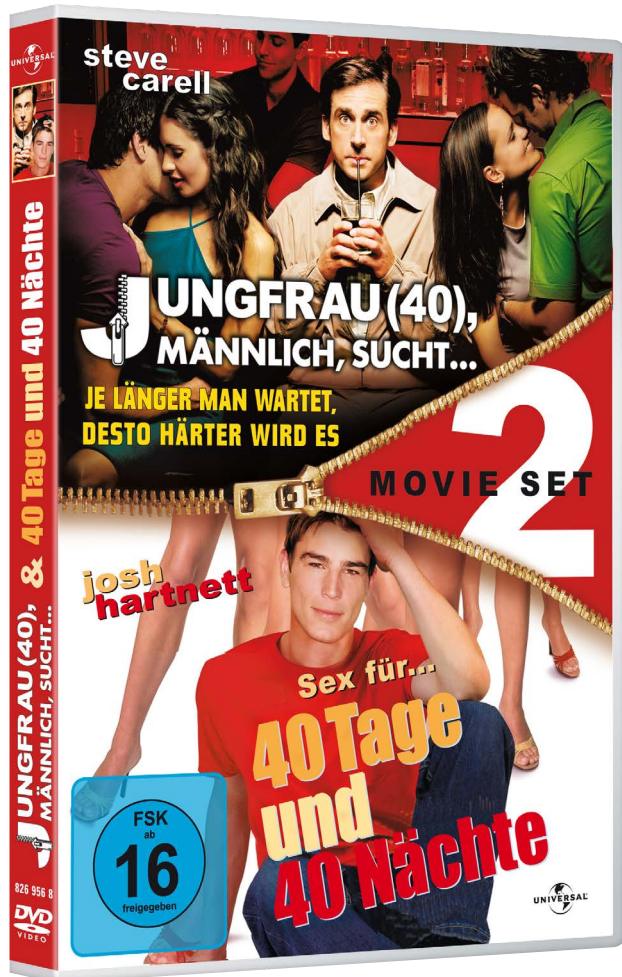
Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper sleeve or the plastic case as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD and Blu-ray cases. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.





5.2 With Several Discs - Example 1 of 2



contains
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2 discs



Plastic Case (spine breadth varies) for Several Optical Media (discs)

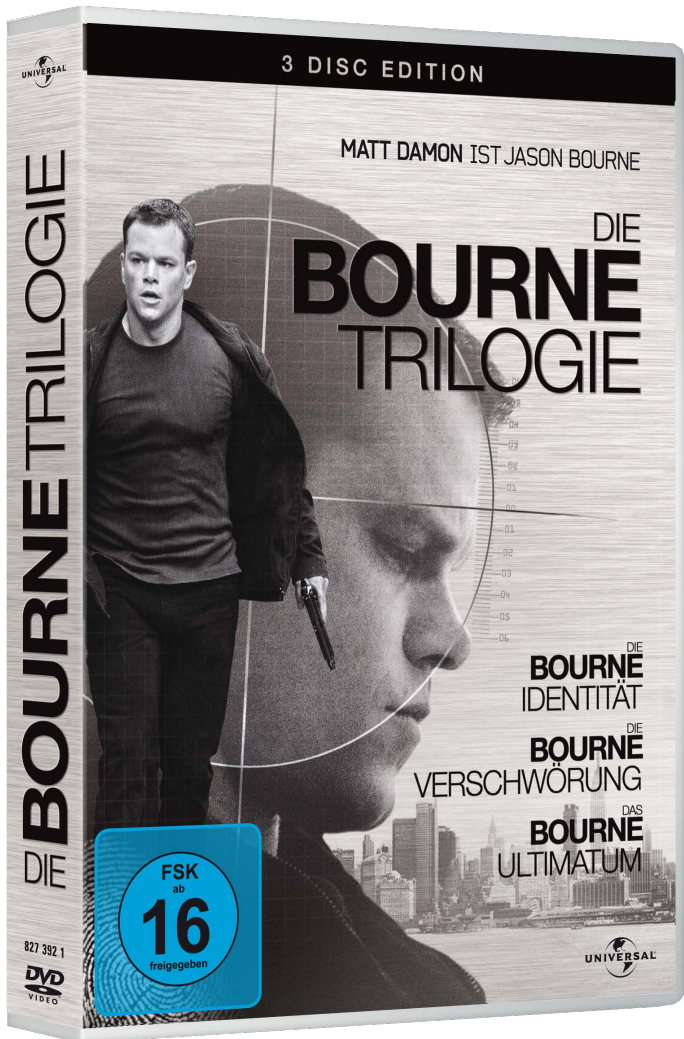
Each disc must be labelled with the approved FSK rating. The FSK rating with the highest age rating of all the discs must be printed on the paper sleeve together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper sleeve or the plastic case as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD and Blu-ray cases. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



5.2 With Several Discs - Example 2 of 2



contains
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3 discs



Plastic Case (spine breadth varies) for Several Optical Media (discs)

Each disc must be labelled with the approved FSK rating. The FSK rating with the highest age rating of all the discs must be printed on the paper sleeve together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper sleeve or the plastic case as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD and Blu-ray cases. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

5. Plastic Cases

5.3 With Reversible Paper Sleeve



< front side with FSK rating and explanatory note and descriptors on cover reversibility

The FSK rating is printed on the paper sleeve together with the cover artwork. The reverse of the cover may show the cover artwork without the FSK rating and descriptors.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper sleeve or the plastic case as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD and Blu-ray cases. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



reverse > without FSK rating and descriptors



Example 1

Cardboard Slipcover (DVD format)

The FSK rating is printed on the cardboard slipcover together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the cardboard slipcover as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD, Blu-ray, and CD optical media. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



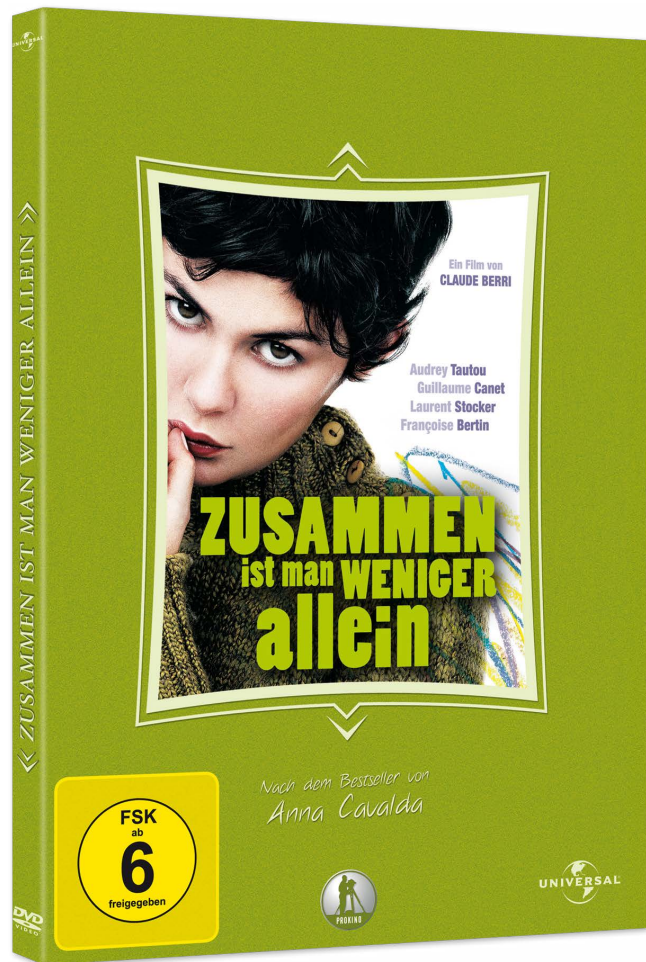
Example 1

Cardboard Slipcover (CD format)

The FSK rating is printed on the cardboard slipcover together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the cardboard slipcover as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD, Blu-ray, and CD optical media. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



Example 1 of 2

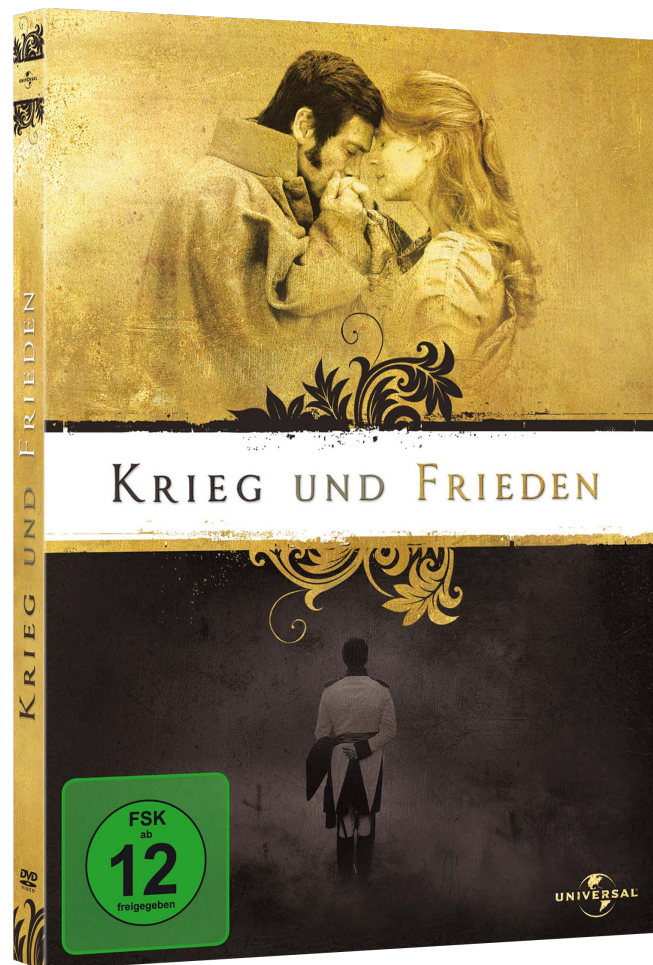
Hardcover/Digipak

The FSK rating is printed on the hardcover/digipaks together with the cover artwork. The hardcover/digipak contains the optical media.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the hardcover/digipak as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD and Blu-ray hardcover/digipaks. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.





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Hardcover/Digipaks with Several Discs

The FSK rating with the highest age rating of all the discs must be printed on the hardcover/digipaks together with the cover artwork. The hardcover/digipak contains the optical media.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the hardcover/digipak as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD and Blu-ray hardcover/digipaks. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

8. Jewel Cases

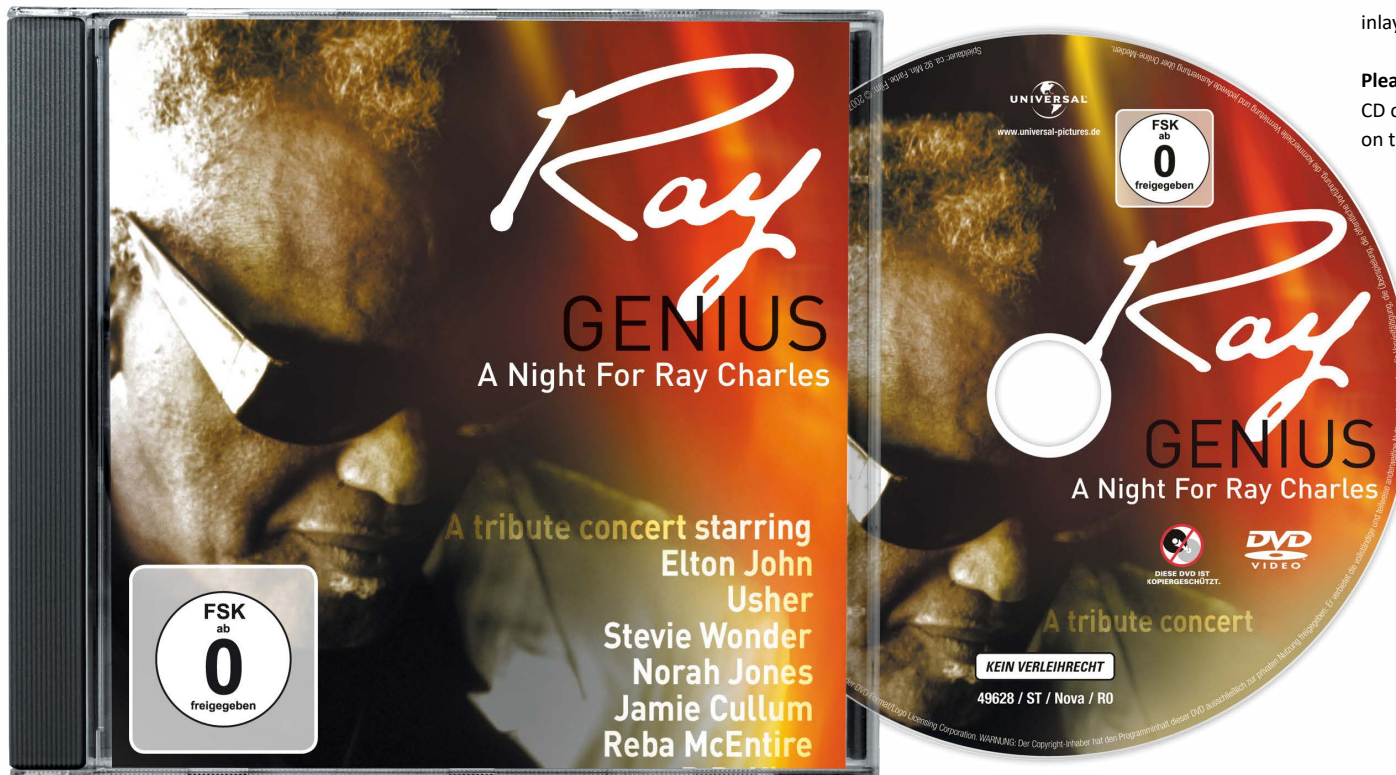


8.1 With Paper Inlay

The FSK rating is printed on the paper inlay together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper inlay or the jewel case as a permanent sticker.

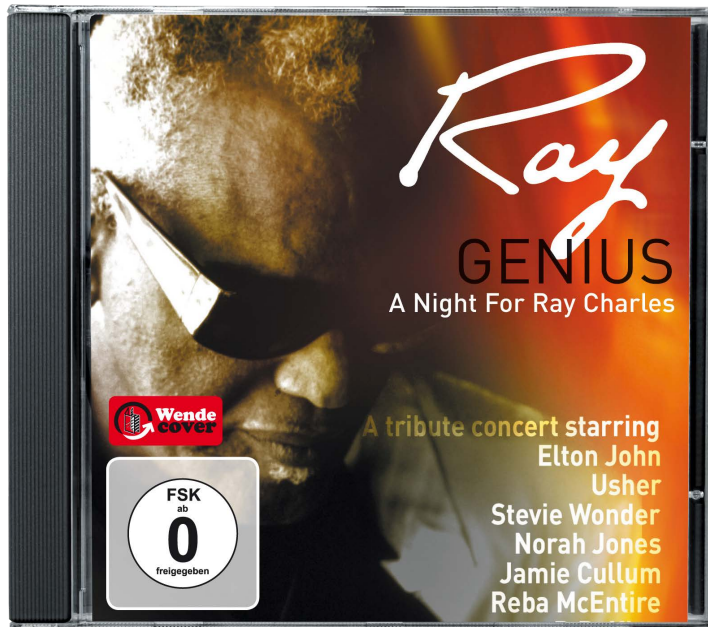
Please note: this applies to all DVD, Blu-ray, and CD optical media. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



8. Jewel Cases



8.2 With Reversible Paper Inlay

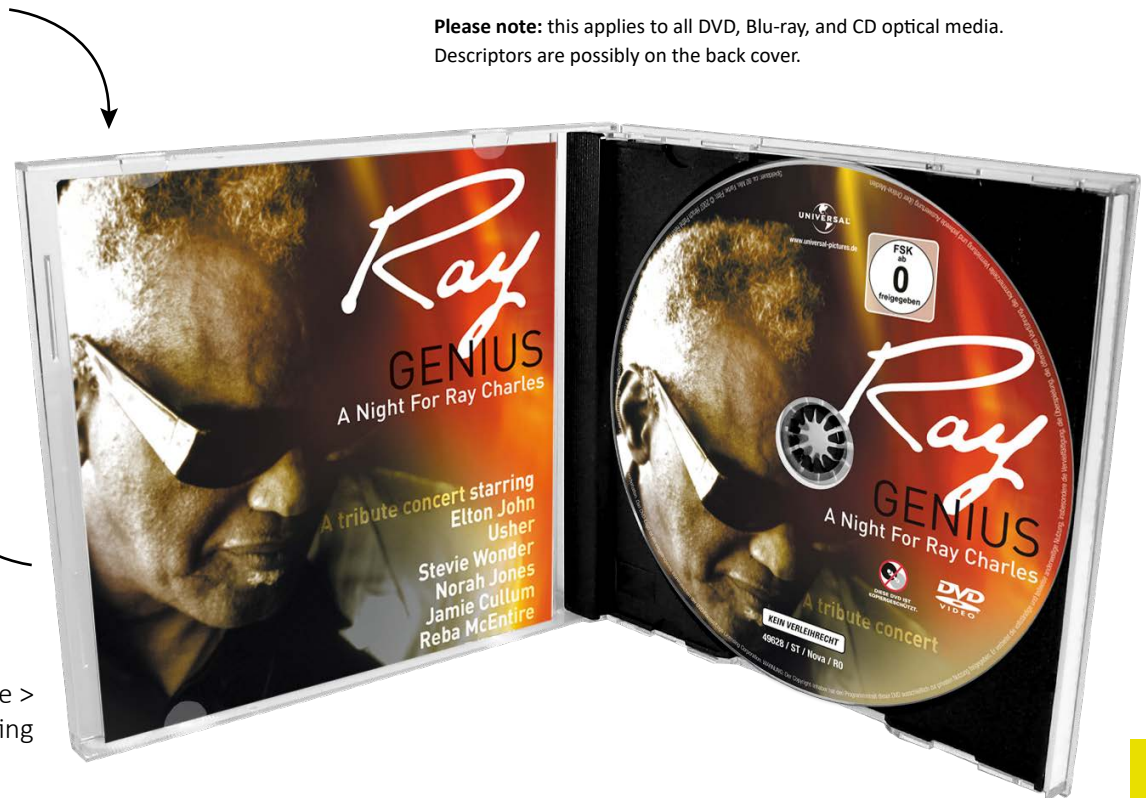


< front side
with FSK rating and
explanatory note on
inlay reversibility

The FSK rating is printed on the paper inlay together with the cover artwork. The reverse of the paper inlay may show the cover artwork without the FSK rating.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper inlay or the jewel case as a permanent sticker.

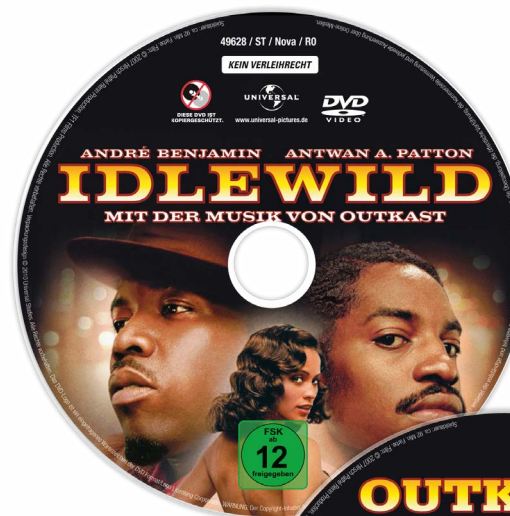
Please note: this applies to all DVD, Blu-ray, and CD optical media. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



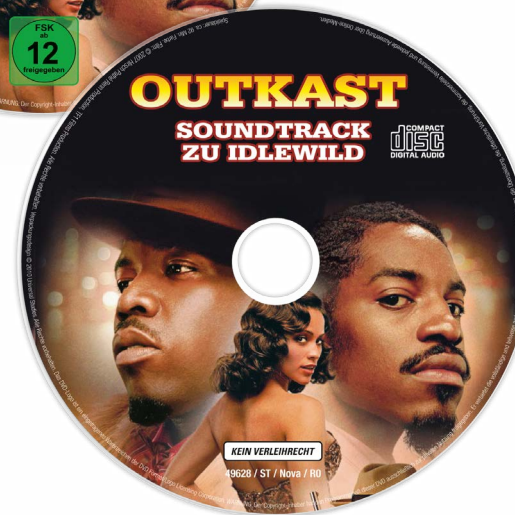
reverse >
without FSK rating



8.3 Several Discs in One Jewel Case - Example 1 of 2



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2 discs



If one packaging includes an optical media disc and a disc containing soundtracks, the optical media disc has to be labelled with the approved FSK rating. The FSK rating is printed on the paper inlay together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper inlay or the jewel case as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD, Blu-ray, and CD optical media. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

8.3 Several Discs in One Jewel Case - Example 2 of 2



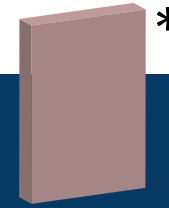
contains
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2 discs



Each disc must be labelled with the approved FSK rating. The FSK rating with the highest age rating of all the discs must be printed on the paper inlay together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the paper inlay or the jewel case as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all DVD, Blu-ray, and CD optical media. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



9. Special Packaging (Metal, Wood, Fabric, etc.)

9.1 Standard Packaging



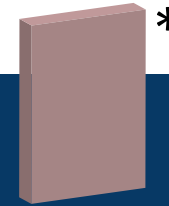
The FSK rating is printed on the special packaging together with the cover artwork.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the special packaging (e.g., SteelBook) as a permanent sticker

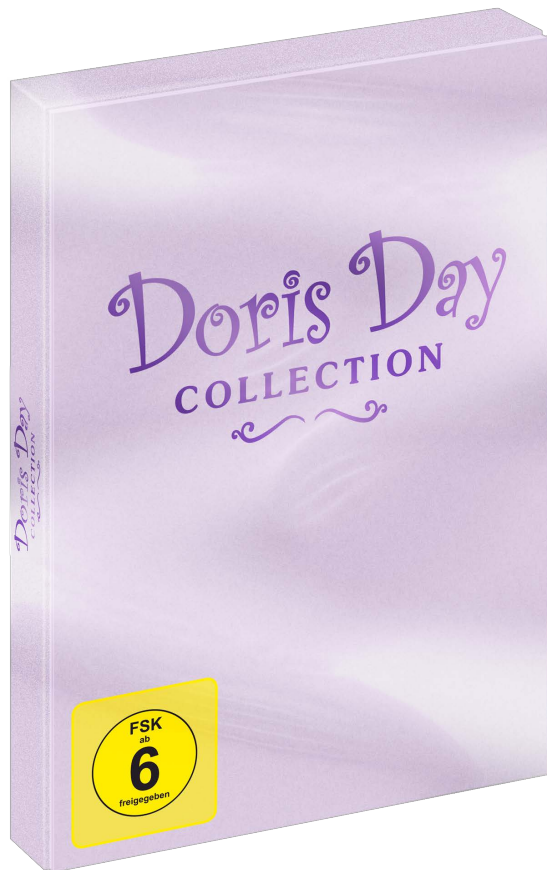
Please note: this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray special packaging (e.g., SteelBook).
Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

Illustration: SteelBook
The FSK rating is printed on the metal.

9. Special Packaging (Metal, Wood, Fabric, etc.)



8.2.1 DVD Cardboard Slipcover **Before** Special Packaging in Cellophane



The FSK rating is printed on the cardboard slipcase with the cover artwork. The cardboard slipcase has to contain the optical medium. The special packaging requires no FSK rating if the cardboard slipcase is before the special packaging and both are wrapped up together in cellophane.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the cardboard slipcover as a permanent sticker.

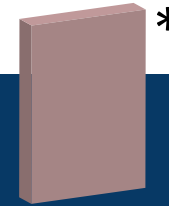
Please note: this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray special packaging. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

Illustrations:
Velvet Special Packaging with Cardboard Slipcase

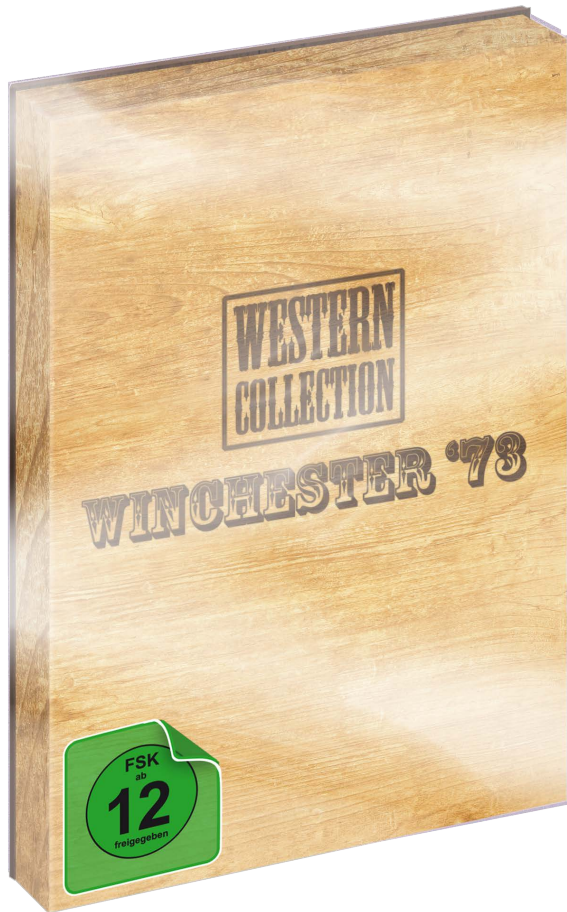
background: velvet special packaging without FSK rating
foreground: cardboard slipcase with FSK rating printed on it, both wrapped up in cellophane together



9. Special Packaging (Metal, Wood, Fabric, etc.)



9.2.2 DVD Cardboard Slipcover **After** Special Packaging in Cellophane



The FSK rating is printed on the cardboard slipcase with the cover artwork. The cardboard slipcase has to contain the optical medium. If the cardboard slipcase is after the special packaging, which is wrapped up in cellophane, a removable sticker with the approved FSK rating on the special packaging or on the cellophane is sufficient.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the cardboard slipcover, which contains the optical medium, as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray special packaging. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

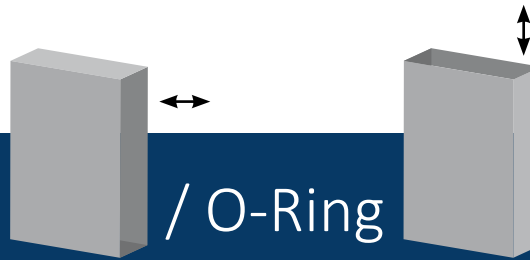
Illustrations:
Wooden Special Packaging with Cardboard Slipcase

background: cardboard slipcase with FSK rating printed on it

foreground: wooden special packaging, both wrapped up in cellophane together. The FSK sticker is on the cellophane wrapping.



10. Packaging with Slipcase



/ O-Ring

10.1 With a Plastic Case in Cellophane



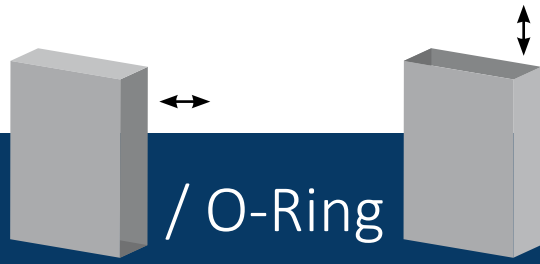
Slipcase Wrapped in Cellophane
The FSK rating can be fixed to the cellophane wrapping or on the slipcase/ o-ring as a removable sticker.

Slipcase with the Cellophane Wrapping Removed
The slipcase does not require a printed-on FSK rating. The paper sleeve in the plastic case has to be marked according to the regulations in [chapter 5](#).

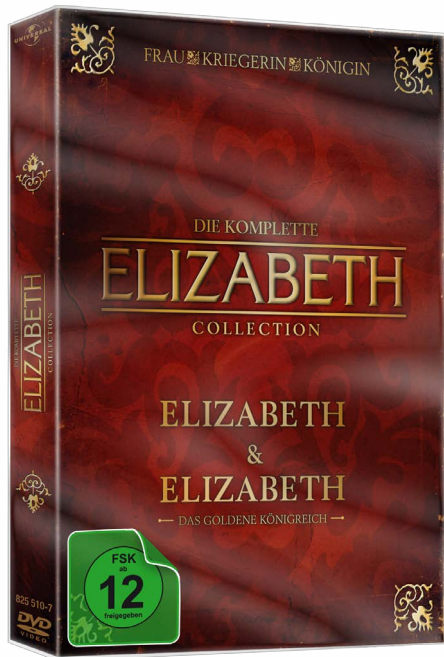
Slipcases and o-rings which contain the plastic case with the optical medium do not necessarily need a printed FSK rating if the plastic case is marked as specified in [chapter 5](#).

In this case, the FSK rating may be attached in the shape of a removable sticker to the slipcase/ o-ring or the cellophane wrapping.

10. Packaging with Slipcase / O-Ring



10.2 With Several Plastic Cases in Cellophane - Example 1 of 2



Slipcase with Cellophane Wrapping
The FSK rating with the highest age rating may be attached in the shape of a removable sticker to the slipcase/ o-ring or the cellophane wrapping.

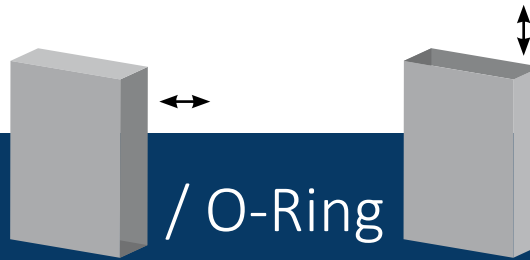
Slipcasses and o-rings which contain several plastic cases with optical media do not necessarily need a printed FSK rating if the plastic cases are marked as specified in [chapter 5](#).

In this case, the FSK rating (with the highest age rating of all optical media) may be attached in the shape of a removable sticker to the slipcase/ o-ring or the cellophane wrapping.



Slipcase with the Cellophane Wrapping Removed
The slipcase does not require an FSK rating printed on it. The paper sleeves in the plastic cases have to be marked as specified in [chapter 5](#).

10. Packaging with Slipcase / O-Ring



10.2 With Several Plastic Cases in Cellophane - Example 2 of 2



Slipcase with Cellophane Wrapping
The FSK rating with the highest age rating may be attached in the shape of a removable sticker to the slipcase/o-ring or the cellophane wrapping.

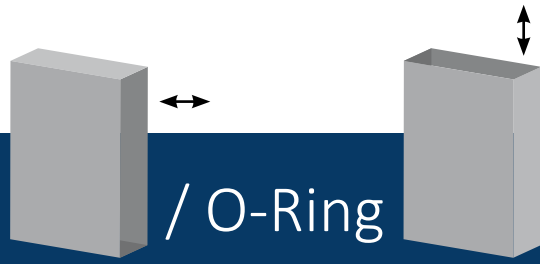
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In this case, the FSK rating (with the highest age rating of all optical media) may be attached in the shape of a removable sticker to the slipcase/o-ring or the cellophane wrapping.

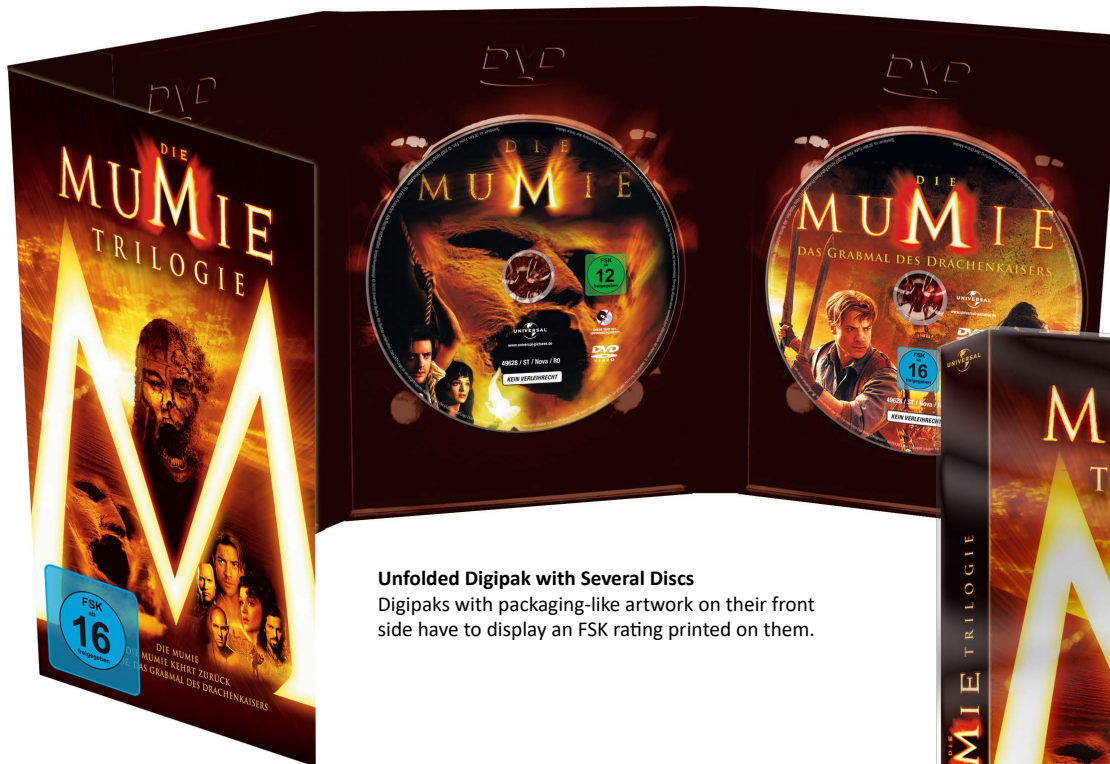


Slipcase with the Cellophane Wrapping Removed
The slipcase does not require an FSK rating printed on it. The paper sleeves in the plastic cases (here: slimcases) have to be marked as specified in [chapter 5](#).

10. Packaging with Slipcase / O-Ring

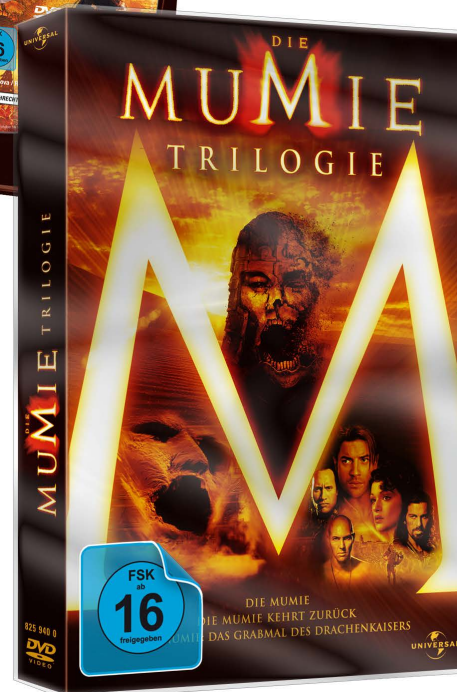


10.3 With a Digipak (**with Packaging Look**) and Several Discs in Cellophane (cf. 10.4)



Unfolded Digipak with Several Discs
Digipaks with packaging-like artwork on their front side have to display an FSK rating printed on them.

Slipcase with Cellophane Wrapping
The FSK rating is on the cellophane wrapping or slipcase/o-ring in the shape of a removable sticker.



If the slipcase/o-ring contains a digipak with packaging-like artwork on its front side, the FSK rating has to be printed on the front side of the digipak.

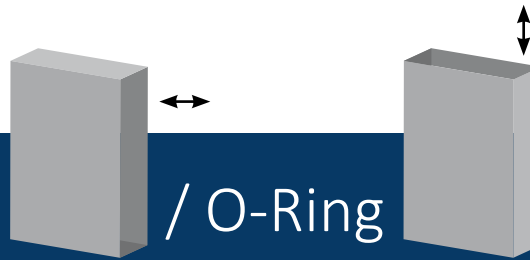
In this case, the digipak with the optical media does not need to have an FSK rating printed on it. The FSK rating with the highest age rating of all optical media may be attached in the shape of a removable sticker on the slipcase/o-ring or the cellophane wrapping.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the front of the digipak as a permanent sticker.

Please note: this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray packaging with slipcase/o-ring. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

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10. Packaging with Slipcase



10.4 With a Digipak (without Packaging Look) and Several Discs in Cellophane (cf. 10.3)



Slipcases and o-rings which contain a digipak with an optical medium need an FSK rating printed on them if the front side of the contained digipak comes without packaging-like artwork (e.g., no title, no information on the cast). In this case, the FSK rating with the highest age rating of all optical media has to be printed on the slipcase/o-ring.

Alternatively, the FSK rating is fixed to the front of the slipcase/o-ring as a permanent sticker.

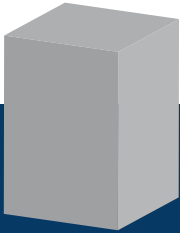
Please note: this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray packaging with a slipcase/o-ring. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

Digipak with Several Discs

The front side does not show packaging-like artwork (e.g., no title, no information on the cast), and no FSK rating is printed on it.



Slipcase with Cellophane Wrapping
The FSK rating is printed on the slipcase/o-ring.

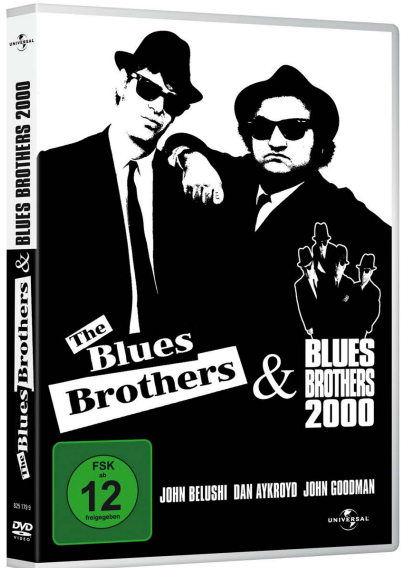


11. Box Sets in All Shapes and Sizes

11.1 With Optical Media Packaging (and Supplements) - Example 1 of 3



Contains Box Set with Paper Band
The FSK rating is printed on the paper band.



Optical Medium Packaging
The plastic case contains optical medium and bears a printed FSK rating

A box set with supplements and a optical media packaging can be marked with the FSK rating as follows:

1. with removable FSK sticker right on the box set or a possible cellophane wrapping (no illustration) or ...
2. with the FSK rating printed on a paper band or an insert (paper sheet) fixed to the front on the box set (cf. illustration).

The optical media packaging contained in the box set has to be marked as specified in chapters 5 to 10. (Illustration: the paper sleeve of the plastic case bears the printed FSK rating - cf. 5)

Please note:
this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray box sets. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



11. Box Sets in All Shapes and Sizes

11.1 With Optical Media Packaging (and Supplements) - Example 2 of 3

Optical Media Packaging
Single disc digipak with an FSK rating printed on it



Box Set
In cellophane wrapping, with removable FSK sticker



A box set with supplements and an optical media packaging can be marked with a FSK rating as follows:

1. with a removable FSK sticker attached right to the box set or a possible cellophane wrapping (cf. illustration) or ...
2. with the FSK rating printed on a paper band or an insert (sheet of paper) fixed to the front on the box set (no illustration)

The optical media packaging has to be marked as specified in chapters 5 to 10 of these instructions. (Illustration: the FSK rating is on the single disc digipak with packaging look - cf. 7)

Please note:
this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray box sets. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



11. Box Sets in All Shapes and Sizes

11.1 With Optical Media Packaging (and Supplements) - Example 3 of 3

Box Set with removable FSK sticker contains figurine and supplements



A box set with several supplements and several plastic cases with optical media can be marked with FSK rating as follows:

1. with a removable FSK sticker attached right to the box set or a possible cellophane wrapping (cf. illustration) or ...
2. with the FSK rating printed on a paper band or an insert (sheet of paper) fixed to the front on the box set (no illustration).

The optical media packaging has to be marked as specified in chapters 5 to 10 of these instructions. (Illustration: FSK rating is printed on the Steel-Book - [cf. 9.1](#))

Please note:
this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray box sets. Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.

11. Box Sets in All Shapes and Sizes



11.2 With Several Forms of Optical Media Packaging (and Supplements)

Box Set
with removable
FSK rating



A box set with several supplements and several plastic cases with optical media can be marked with FSK rating as follows:

1. with a removable FSK sticker attached right to the box set or a possible cellophane wrapping (cf. illustration) or ...
2. with the FSK rating printed on a paper band or an insert (sheet of paper) fixed to the front on the Box Set (no illustration).

All optical media packaging contained in the box set has to be marked as specified in chapters 5 to 10. (Illustration: FSK ratings are printed on the paper sleeves of the broad plastic cases - [cf. 5](#))

Please note:
this applies to all varieties of DVD and Blu-ray box sets.
Descriptors are possibly on the back cover.



Plastic Cases (broad)
with the FSK rating
printed on them

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