

## Printable Areas

### **Standard Printable Area (116 – 46)**

Is used whenever the CD's own reflective coating is to be used as the background colour. The centre portion of the disc up to 36 mm, is not reflective, and will give poor contrast. In addition, although the Identification Band area between 36 to 46 mm is reflective, it contains etched characters which create a non-uniform background for the printed artwork. As a general rule if you are not using the Standard Printable Area you will most likely need a mask, i.e. an opaque colour such as white as a background.

### **Mid-Range Printable Area (116 – 36)**

This area covers the Identification Band of the CD but does not go on to the translucent area of the disc. This printable area is used mainly as an esthetic means for covering up the Identification Band. However, you should still need a mask to cover the etching in the band.

### **Extended Printable Area (116 – 27)**

Can be used whenever a solid colour is printed as a background, or if the contrast difference is not a factor. If the background colour choice is of a translucent nature, the division between reflective and non-reflective can be noticeable. In these cases, it is best to use the Standard Printable Area instead, or print down to the 36 mm mark only.