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Section 1 - General

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the physical and magnetic characteristics of magnetic tape cassettes, using magnetic tape 12,65 mm wide so as to provide physical interchange of such cassettes between drives. It also specifies the quality of the recorded signals, the recording method and the recorded format, called Digital Tape Format-1 (DTF-1), thereby allowing data interchange between drives by means of such cassettes. The format supports variable length Logical Records, high speed search, and the use of a registered algorithm for data compression.

This International Standard specifies two sizes of cassette. For the purposes of this International Standard the larger cassette is referred to as Type L, and the smaller as Type S.

Together with a standard for volume and file structure, e.g. ISO 1001, this International Standard provides for full data interchange between data processing systems.

2 Conformance

2.1 Magnetic tape cassette

A claim of conformance with this International Standard shall specify the Type of cassette. It shall be in conformance with this International Standard if

- the case meets all the requirements of clause 4 and clauses 6 to 10 for that Type
- the recording on the tape meets the requirements of clauses 11 to 17

2.2 Generating system

A claim of conformance with this International Standard shall specify which Type(s) of cassette is (are) supported. A system generating a magnetic tape cassette for interchange shall be in conformance with this International Standard if all the recordings that it makes, meet the mandatory requirements of this International Standard. A claim of conformance with this International Standard shall state whether or not one, or more, registered algorithm(s) is (are) implemented and, if so, the registered number(s) of (all) the implemented algorithm(s).

2.3 Receiving system

A claim of conformance with this International Standard shall specify which Type(s) of cassette is (are) supported. A system receiving a magnetic tape cassette for interchange shall be in conformance with this International Standard if it is able to handle any recording made on the tape according to this International Standard, and a claim of conformance shall state whether or not one, or more, registered algorithm(s) is (are) implemented and, if so, the registered number(s) of (all) the implemented algorithm(s).

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ISO 527 (all parts),	*Plastics — Determination of tensile properties.*
ISO 1001:1986,	*Information processing — File structure and labelling of magnetic tapes for information interchange.*
ISO/IEC 11576:1994,	*Information technology — Procedure for the registration of algorithms for the lossless compression of data.*
IEC 950:1991,	*Safety of information technology equipment.*
JIS-B-7502,	*Characteristics of plastic goods.*
SMPTE timecode:	(C98.12 : time and control code for video and audio tape for 525/60 television system).