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Introduction

This International Standard constitutes a further development of the magnetic tape cartridge specified in International Standard ISO/IEC 15307. The number of tracks is raised to 208. As a result a native capacity of 35 Gbytes or, with compressed data, of typically at least 70 Gbytes is achieved.