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interchange on 12,7 mm 208-track  
magnetic tape cartridges — DLT 5 format**

*Technologies de l'information — Échange de données sur cartouches  
de bande magnétique de 12,7 mm, 208 pistes — Format DLT 5*

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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.