
**Information technology — 8 mm wide
magnetic tape cartridge for information
interchange — Helical scan recording —
MammothTape-2 format**

*Technologies de l'information — Cartouche de bande magnétique de 8 mm
de large pour l'échange d'information — Enregistrement par balayage en
spirale — Format «MammothTape-2»*

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Section 1 - General

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the physical and magnetic characteristics of an 8 mm wide magnetic tape cartridge to enable physical interchange of such cartridges between drives. It also specifies the quality of the recorded signals, the recording method and the recorded format called MammothTape-2, and thereby allowing data interchange between drives by means of such magnetic tape cartridges.

Information interchange between systems also requires, at a minimum, agreement between the interchange parties upon the interchange code(s) and the specifications of the structure and labelling of the information on the interchanged cartridge.

2 Conformance

2.1 Magnetic tape cartridges

A magnetic tape cartridge shall be in conformance with this International Standard if it satisfies all mandatory requirements of this International Standard throughout the extent of the tape.

2.2 Generating drive

A drive generating a magnetic tape cartridge for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance with this International Standard if all the recordings that it makes on a tape meet the mandatory requirements of this International Standard. A claim of conformance shall state whether or not one or more registered compression algorithm(s) are implemented within the system to process data from the host prior to allocating data to physical blocks.

2.3 Receiving drive

A system receiving a magnetic tape cartridge for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance with the International Standard if it is able to handle any recording on this tape according to this International Standard. A receiving drive shall be able to recognise the use of a data compression algorithm and make the algorithm registration number available to the host.

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IEC 60950:1999	<i>Safety of information technology equipment.</i>
ISO 527-3:1995	<i>Plastics - Determination of tensile properties - Part 3: Test conditions for films and sheets.</i>
ISO 1302:1992	<i>Technical Drawings - Method of indicating surface texture.</i>
ISO/IEC 11576:1994	<i>Information technology - Procedure for the registration of algorithms for the lossless compression of data.</i>
ISO/IEC 15200:1996	<i>Information technology - Adaptive Lossless Data Compression algorithm (ALDC).</i>