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Introduction to AvSAP Formats

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Film



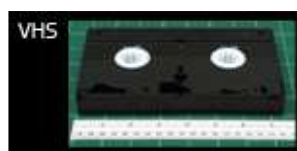
Film Description: This moving image format type consists of photochemical emulsion (color or black and white) on translucent plastic backing with sprocket holes running down one or both sides of the film strip; the strip may contain an optical or magnetic soundtrack.

Open Reel Videotape



Open Reel Videotape Description: Open Reel Videotape: This moving image format type consists of magnetized particles embedded on a plastic tape carrier. This format type is called "open reel" because the magnetic tape is not encased in a plastic cassette.

Cassette and Cartridge-Based Videotape



Cassette and Cartridge-Based Videotape Description: This moving image format type consists of magnetized particles embedded on a plastic tape carrier. The magnetic tape is contained within a plastic cassette or cartridge.

Open Reel Audiotape



Open Reel Audiotape Description: This sound format type consists of magnetized particles embedded on a plastic tape carrier. This format type is called "open reel" because the magnetic tape is not encased in a plastic cassette.

Cassette-based Audiotape



Cassette-based Audiotape Description: This sound format type consists of magnetized particles embedded on a plastic tape carrier. The magnetic tape is contained within a plastic cassette or cartridge.

Grooved Disc



Grooved Disc Description: This sound format type consists of a grooved disc composed of various types of materials. The sound information is recorded within the grooves of the disc and is played back with a needle or stylus.

Grooved Cylinder



Grooved Cylinder Description: This sound format type consists of a grooved cylinder composed of various types of materials. The sound information is recorded within the grooves of the cylinder and is played back with a needle or stylus.

Wire Media



Wire Media Description: This sound format type consists of thin metal wire coated with magnetized particles.

Optical Media



Optical Media Description: This moving image and/or audio format type consists of a plastic disc encasing a dye or metal layer containing the recorded information. This format type is read by a laser.



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