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Data Interchange on 12,7 mm 208-Track Magnetic Tape Cartridges - DLT 5 Format

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This ECMA Standard specifies the physical and magnetic characteristics of a 12,7 mm wide, 208-track magnetic tape cartridge, to enable physical interchangeability of such cartridges between drives. It also specifies the quality of the recorded signals, a format - called Digital Linear Tape 5 (DLT 5) - and a recording method, thereby allowing data interchange between drives. Together with a labelling standard, for instance Standard ECMA-13 for Magnetic Tape Labelling, it allows full data interchange by means of such magnetic tape cartridges.

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