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Section 1 : General

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the physical and magnetic characteristics of a 3,81 mm wide magnetic tape cartridge to enable interchangeability of such cartridges. It also specifies the quality of the recorded signals, and the format and recording method, thereby allowing data interchange by means of such magnetic tape cartridges.

2 Conformance

2.1 Magnetic tape cartridge

A tape cartridge shall be in conformance with this International Standard if it meets all mandatory requirements specified herein. The tape requirements shall be satisfied throughout the extent of the tape.

2.2 Generating system

A system generating a magnetic tape cartridge for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance to this International Standard if all recordings on the tape meet the mandatory requirements of this International Standard.

2.3 Receiving system

A system receiving a magnetic tape cartridge for interchange shall be entitled to claim conformance with this International Standard if it is able to handle any recording made on the tape according to this International Standard.

3 Normative References

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ISO/R 527:1966, *Plastics - Determination of tensile properties*

ISO/IEC 646:1991, *Information technology - ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange.*

ISO 1302:1978, *Technical Drawings - Method of indicating surface texture on drawings*

IEC 950:1990, *Safety of Information Technology Equipment, including Electrical Business Equipment*