Audio, television and video: a brief history of technology

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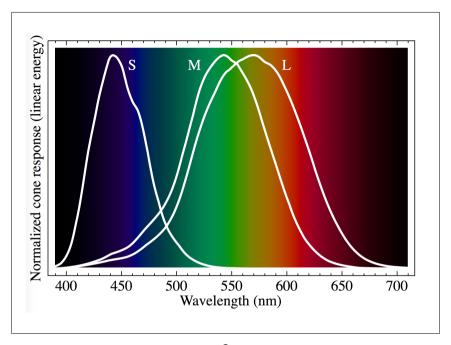
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Medium and/or Carrier

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- sound
- film
- television
- video
- files



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Sound Recordings

- wax cylinder
- gramophone record
- magnetic wire
- magnetic tape
- files

Photography

black and white:

- blue sensitive emulsion
- orthochromatic emulsion
- panchromatic emulsion

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Common Magnetic Formats

Audio

2", 1", 1/2", 1/4"

Cinema

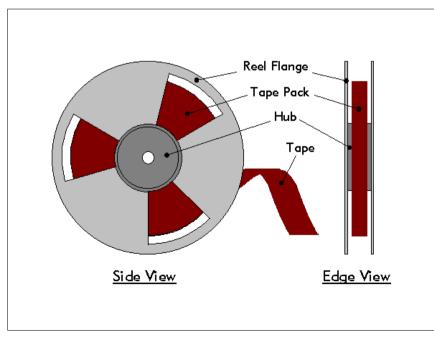
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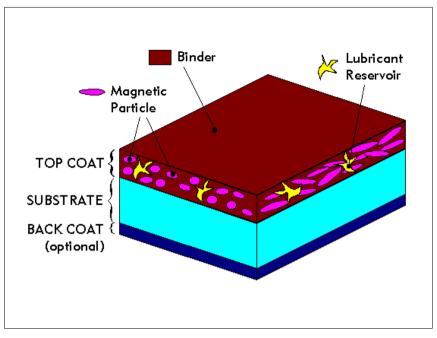
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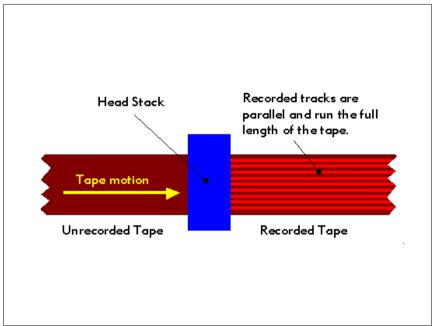
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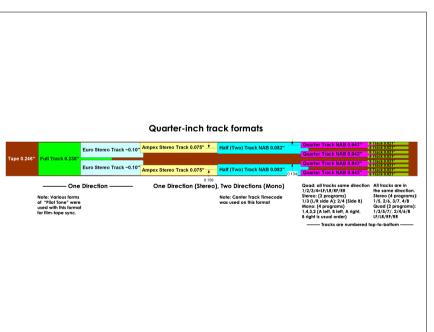
Magnetic Tape

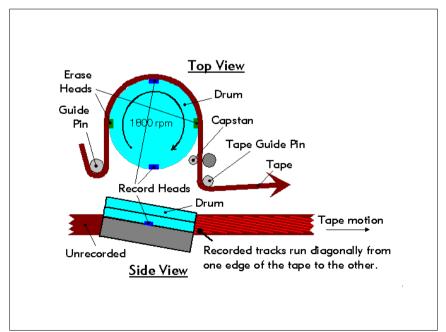
- open reel
- cassette
- cartridge













Sound Film Production

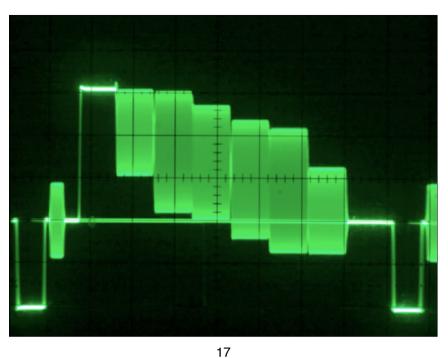
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photochemical	photochemical
photochemical	magnetic
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photochemical + digital	digital
digital	digital



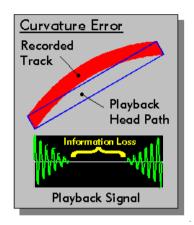
Television

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- film
- live
- film and live
- film, magnetic and live
- magnetic and live
- files and live



Trapezoidal Error Recorded Track Playback Head Path Playback Signal



Monitor Adjustment

- set «contrast» to minimum
- display black
- adjust «brightness»
- adjust «contrast»

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