An Introduction to Television and Video

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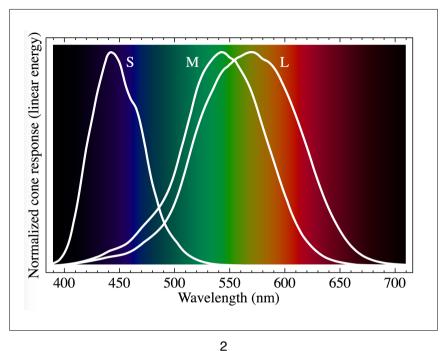
Film Preservation and Restoration

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Medium and/or Carrier

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- sound
- film
- television
- video
- files



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

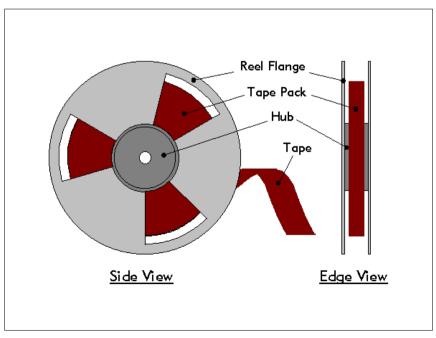
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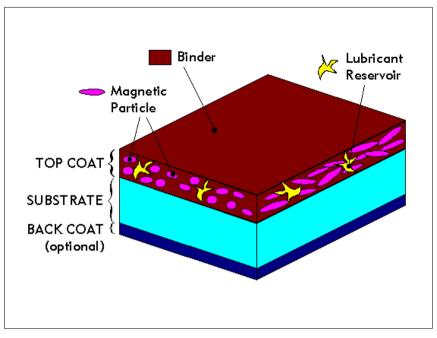
Video

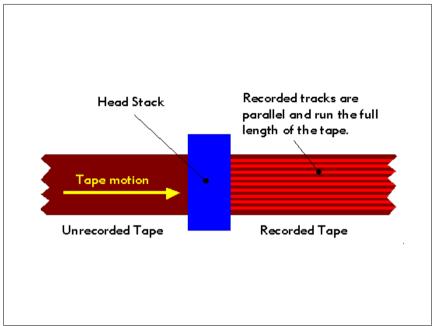
• 2", 1", 3/4", 1/2"

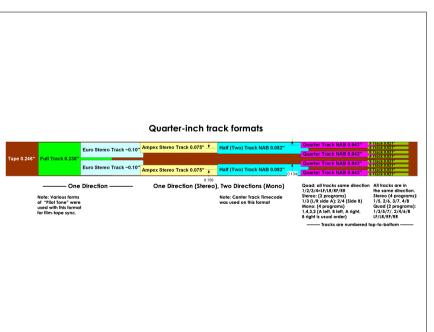
Magnetic Tape

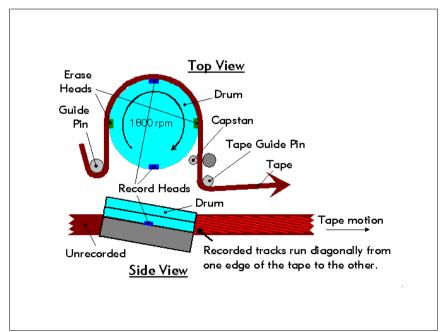
- open reel
- cassette
- cartridge













Sound Film Production

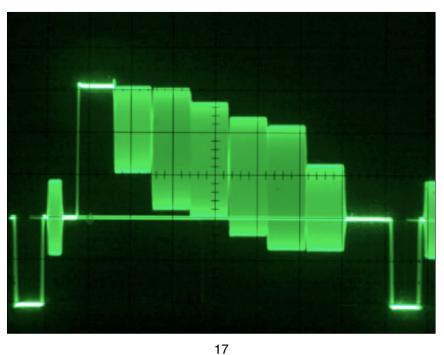
image	sound
photochemical	photochemical
photochemical	magnetic
photochemical	digital
photochemical + digital	digital
digital	digital

Television

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

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Trapezoidal Error Curvature Error Recorded Recorded Track Track Playback Playback Head Path Head Path Playback Signal Playback Signal

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Workflow

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- identification
- preparation
- digitisation
- quality control (QC)
- cataloguing

Open Source Tools

- vrecord
- QCTools, qcli
- FFmpeg
- Medialnfo, MediaConch

Identification

Format Identification

Videotape Identification and Assessment Guide. Texas Commission on the Arts, 2004

→ www.arts.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/ 2012/04/video.pdf

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Preparation

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Storage and Handling

John W. C. Van Bogart: Magnetic Tape Storage and Handling. A Guide for Libraries and Archives. Commission on Preservation and Access, Washington DC; National Media Laboratory, St. Paul MN June 1995

→ www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub54



Digitisation



