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Apple DAT Drive: Use Media Recognition System Tape Cartridges

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TOPIC -----

I have an Apple DAT drive and wondered what types of tape cartridges I should use.

Please advise?

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple DAT drive, which currently ships in the WorkGroup Server systems, requires the use of MRS (Media Recognition System) Tape Cartridges. These Tapes can be identified not only by the MRS labeling but also by an insignia followed by 4 bars (I IIII).

If a customer is using a different Tape Cartridge and is experiencing write problems, the first question to ask is what type of Tape Cartridge is being used. If the Tape is not an MRS type, the customer should be instructed to use an MRS Tape and in most cases this should eliminate any write problems.

It is important to note that even though the DAT drive will not write to non-MRS Tapes, it will in fact read them. If a customer has archived information on a non-MRS tape, he should be able to read them. However, this non-MRS tape should not be used for writing new data.

IMPORTANT: The only Tape that is qualified for use in the Apple DAT drive is the MRS Tape Cartridge.

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