

FACTS ABOUT TAPE CARTRIDGES

1. Cartridges that are acceptable in a manual operator situation may not be satisfactory in AUTOMATION. Every Automation System operates with switching tones from the tapes and such tones are not normally used in Manual operation. Cartridges and the tape itself must be in first-class condition.
2. "Can I use any brand of Cartridge?" MAYBE!
In the past 20 years, more than a dozen brands and variations of cartridges and tape have come and gone. Each new innovation to correct one weakness often gave rise to another.
3. Cartridges MUST WRAP THE TAPE around the pole area of the head(s). Cartridges need guide posts before and after each head and/or pressure pads. If these conditions are not present, you will have "drop outs", and Automation Switching problems.
4. All tape loaded into cartridges is not satisfactory. Avoid tape that is not lubricated, has poor bonding of the oxide (heads get "dirty" prematurely.).
5. "How do I pick the right combination?" Test in your equipment representative samples before buying a large quantity. Look at the samples as they relate to the above facts.