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ATR Master Tape Technical Data

ATR Master Tape provides for high-output, low-noise recording with an industry-standard bias compatibility. Our advanced preparation and coating techniques produce a consistent, high quality product that meets the needs of professional recording studios and hi-fidelity enthusiasts alike. TapeCareTM packaging for improved archival storage and transportation.

Magnetic Properties

Coercivity (H _c)	330 Oe
Retentivity (B _{rs})	1400 Gs

Physical Properties

Standard	Widths

1/4"	0.246 in.
1/2"	0.496 in.
1"	0.996 in.
2"	1.996 in.

Nominal Thickness

Base Film 1,420 u-in.
Oxide Coating 500 u-in.
Back Coating 30 u-in.
Total 1,950 u-in.

Performance Properties

Sensitivity @ 1 kHz	+1.2 dB
Sensitivity @ 10 kHz	+1.0 dB
THD @ IEC Reference Level (1 kHz)	0.10 %
Output Level @ 3% THD	+12 dB
Modulation Noise Ratio	-68 dB
Print-Through	-56 dB

Measuring Conditions

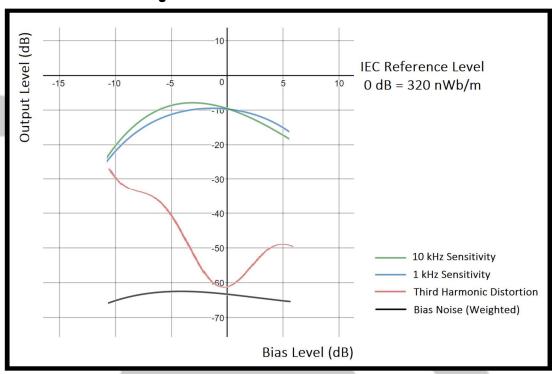
Tape Speed	15 IPS
Equalization Standard	IEC 35 µs
Reference Level	320 nWb/m
Record Head: Gap Length	0.5 mils
Track Width	75 mils
Reproduce Head: Gap Length	0.12 mils
Track Width	75 mile



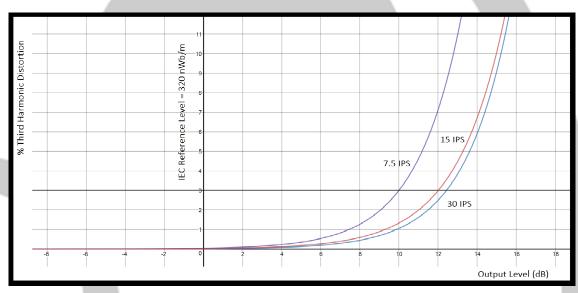
Recommended Bias Setting – ΔE_{10}

Tape Speed	0.25 mil	0.3 mil	0.5 mil	1.0 mil	Gap Length
30 IPS	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.5	Overbies
15 IPS	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.0	Overbias (dB)
7.5 IPS	5.0	4.5	4.0	2.0	(ub)

Effect of Bias on Recording Parameters



Distortion vs. Output



Ordering Info

Item	Configuration	Packaging	Carton Quantity	Part Number
1/4" x 1,250'	7" Plastic Reel	Set-Up Box	5	ATR40907-7
½" x 2,500'	10.5" NAB Reel	Tape Care Box	10	ATR40907
1/4" x 2,500' Pancake	10.5" NAB Hub	Pocket Box	10	ATR40907P
½" x 2,500'	10.5" NAB Reel	Tape Care Box	8	ATR30907
½" x 2,500' Pancake	10.5" NAB Hub	Set-Up Box	8	ATR30907P
1" x 2,500'	10.5" NAB Reel	Set-Up Box	5	ATR10907
2" x 2,500	10.5" NAB Reel	Tape Care Box	2	ATR20907

Test Notes and Definitions

Recommended Bias Setting ΔE₁₀

Determined by adjusting the bias current for maximum sensitivity at 10 kHz; then increasing the bias until the sensitivity changes by the amount = 2.0 dB. The adjustment is made with a constant input voltage at approximately 10 dB below reference level. The recommended bias setting corresponds to low third harmonic distortion and high output at 1 kHz.

Record Sensitivity

A measure of the output level compared to a standard reference tape when the recording is made at a constant voltage approximately 10 dB below reference level and at the recommended bias setting.

Third Harmonic Distortion (THD) at Reference Level

The ratio between the level of the third order harmonic and the fundamental frequency (1 kHz) expressed in percent when recorded at reference level and at the recommended bias setting.

Output Level at 3% Third Harmonic Distortion

A measure of the output level capabilities of a tape at 1 kHz when recorded at 3% third harmonic distortion and the recommended bias setting.

Relative Weighted Noise with Bias

Defined as the ratio in dB between the 1 kHz output at reference level or at 3% third harmonic distortion and the ASA weighted (NAB standard) noise level. The noise measurement is made with the recommended bias and without input signal.

Print-Through

The level of the accidental printing effect due to a signal recorded on an adjacent layer of tape. The printing signal is recorded at 1 kHz at reference level and the tape is held at 70°F (21°C) for 24 hours.