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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 I I I). The tape should also be DDS-2 rated.

If you are using a different Tape Cartridge and are experiencing write problems, first check the type of Tape Cartridge being used. If the Tape is not an MRS type that is DDS-2 rated, switch to an MRS Tape that is DDS-2 rated. In most cases this should eliminate 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 you have archived information on a non-MRS tape, the drive should be able to read them. However, 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 that is DDS-2 rated.

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