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STANDARDS PUBLISHED AND IN PREPARATION

ISO/R 1858, *General purpose hubs and reels with 76 mm (3 in) centrehole, for magnetic tape used in interchange instrumentation applications.*

ISO 1859, *Information processing – Unrecorded magnetic tapes for interchange instrumentation applications – General dimensional requirements.*

ISO 1860, *Information processing – Precision reels for magnetic tape for interchange instrumentation applications.*

ISO 2690, *Unrecorded magnetic tapes for instrumentation applications – Physical properties and test methods.*

ISO 3185, *Magnetic tape for instrumentation applications – Standardization of analogue modes of recording.¹⁾*

ISO . . . , *Interchange practices and test methods for unrecorded instrumentation magnetic tape.*

ISO . . . , *Interchange practices and test methods for recorded magnetic tape.*

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Information processing – Recorded magnetic tapes for interchange instrumentation applications – Standard tape speeds and track configurations

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies standard tape speeds and track configurations to allow maximum interchange of instrumentation magnetic tape records.

NOTE – See annex for definition of terms and symbols.

2 TAPE SPEEDS

The standard tape speeds for instrumentation magnetic tape recorders shall be 2,38 cm/s (15/16 in/s); 4,76 cm/s (1 7/8 in/s); 9,52 cm/s (3 3/4 in/s); 19,05 cm/s (7 1/2 in/s); 38,1 cm/s (15 in/s); 76,2 cm/s (30 in/s); 152,4 cm/s (60 in/s); and 304,8 cm/s (120 in/s).

3 TAPE WIDTHS

Standard tape widths are specified in the table below, which is an excerpt from ISO 1859.

Standard widths	
mm	in
6,3 ⁰ – 0,06	0,248 ⁰ – 0,0025
12,70 ⁰ – 0,10	0,500 ⁰ – 0,004
25,40 ⁰ – 0,10	1,000 ⁰ – 0,004
50,80 ⁰ – 0,10	2,000 ⁰ – 0,004

4 TRACK GEOMETRY : DIMENSIONS – RECORDED TAPE FORMAT (see figure 1)

4.1 4 Tracks in line on 6,3 mm (1/4 in) wide tape

Track width (W)

0,64 ± 0,05 mm (0.025 ± 0.002 in)

Track spacing (D)

1,78 mm (0.070 in)

Track location (reference edge to track 1 centreline) (G)

0,43 ± 0,05 mm (0.017 ± 0.002 in)

Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)

± 0,05 mm (± 0.002 in)

Track number (H_n)

	mm	in
H_1	0	0
H_2	1,78	0.070
H_3	3,56	0.140
H_4	5,34	0.210

NOTE – The simultaneous applications of the tolerances quoted shall not result in the centreline of track 4 being closer to the edge of the tape than 0,35 mm (0.014 in).

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4.2 7 Tracks interlaced on 6,3 mm (1/4 in) wide tape

Track width (W)

0,64 ± 0,03 mm (0.025 ± 0.001 in)

Track spacing (D)

0,89 mm (0.035 in)

Data spacing (S)

38,10 ± 0,03 mm (1.5 ± 0.001 in) for fixed heads

38,10 ± 0,05 mm (1.5 ± 0.002 in) for adjustable heads

Edge margin, minimum (M_m)

0,025 mm (0.001 in)

Track location (reference edge to track 1 centreline) (G)

0,43 ± 0,04 mm (0.017 ± 0.001 5 in)

Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)

± 0,04 mm (± 0.001 5 in)

Track number (H_n)

	mm	in
H_1	0	0
H_2	0,89	0.035
H_3	1,78	0.070
H_4	2,67	0.105
H_5	3,56	0.140
H_6	4,45	0.175
H_7	5,34	0.210

4.3 7 Tracks interlaced on 12,7 mm (1/2 in) wide tape

Track width (W)

1,27 ± 0,13 mm (0.050 ± 0.005 in)

Track spacing (D)

1,78 mm (0.070 in)

Data spacing (S)

38,10 ± 0,03 mm (1.500 ± 0.001 in) for fixed heads

38,10 ± 0,05 mm (1.500 ± 0.002 in) for adjustable heads

Edge margin, minimum (M_m)

0,14 mm (0.006 in)

Track location (reference edge to track 1 centreline) (G)

1,02 ± 0,05 mm (0.040 ± 0.002 in)

Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)

± 0,05 mm (± 0.002 in)

Track number (H_n)

	mm	in
H_1	0	0
H_2	1,78	0.070
H_3	3,56	0.140
H_4	5,34	0.210
H_5	7,12	0.280
H_6	8,90	0.350
H_7	10,68	0.420

NOTE — Track numbers 1, 3, 5 and 7 occupy the same nominal positions as the four tracks defined in 4.1.

4.4 14 Tracks interlaced on 12,7 mm (1/2 in) wide tape

Track width (*W*)

0,64 ± 0,03 mm (0.025 ± 0.001 in)

Track spacing (*D*)

0,89 mm (0.035 in)

Data spacing (*S*)

38,10 ± 0,03 mm (1.500 ± 0.001 in) for fixed heads

38,10 ± 0,05 mm (1.500 ± 0.002 in) for adjustable heads

Edge margin, minimum (*M_m*)

0,13 mm (0.005 in)

Track location (reference edge to track 1 centreline) (*G*)

0,50 ± 0,04 mm (0.020 ± 0.001 5 in)

Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)

± 0,04 mm (± 0,001 5 in)

Track number (*H_n*)

	mm	in
<i>H</i> ₁	0	0
<i>H</i> ₂	0,89	0.035
<i>H</i> ₃	1,78	0.070
<i>H</i> ₄	2,67	0.105
<i>H</i> ₅	3,56	0.140
<i>H</i> ₆	4,45	0.175
<i>H</i> ₇	5,34	0.210
<i>H</i> ₈	6,23	0.245
<i>H</i> ₉	7,12	0.280
<i>H</i> ₁₀	8,01	0.315
<i>H</i> ₁₁	8,90	0.350
<i>H</i> ₁₂	9,79	0.385
<i>H</i> ₁₃	10,68	0.420
<i>H</i> ₁₄	11,57	0.455

4.5 21 Tracks interlaced on 12,7 mm (1/2 in) wide tape

Track width (*W*)

0,46 ± 0,03 mm (0.018 ± 0.001 in)

Track spacing (*D*)

0,585 mm (0.023 in)

Data spacing (*S*)

38,10 ± 0,03 mm (1.500 ± 0.001 in) for fixed heads

38,10 ± 0,05 mm (1.500 ± 0.002 in) for adjustable heads

Edge margin, minimum (*M_m*)

0,17 mm (0.007 in)

Track location (reference edge to track 1 centre line) (*G*)

0,44 ± 0,04 mm (0.017 ± 0.001 5 in)

Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)

± 0,03 mm (± 0.001 in)

Track number (*H_n*)

	mm	in
<i>H</i> ₁	0	0
<i>H</i> ₂	0,585	0.023
<i>H</i> ₃	1,170	0.046
<i>H</i> ₄	1,755	0.069
<i>H</i> ₅	2,340	0.092
<i>H</i> ₆	2,925	0.115
<i>H</i> ₇	3,510	0.138
<i>H</i> ₈	4,095	0.161
<i>H</i> ₉	4,680	0.184
<i>H</i> ₁₀	5,265	0.207
<i>H</i> ₁₁	5,850	0.230
<i>H</i> ₁₂	6,435	0.253
<i>H</i> ₁₃	7,020	0.276
<i>H</i> ₁₄	7,605	0.299
<i>H</i> ₁₅	8,190	0.322
<i>H</i> ₁₆	8,775	0.346
<i>H</i> ₁₇	9,360	0.368
<i>H</i> ₁₈	9,945	0.391
<i>H</i> ₁₉	10,530	0.414
<i>H</i> ₂₀	11,115	0.437
<i>H</i> ₂₁	11,700	0.460

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4.6 14 Tracks interlaced on 25,4 mm (1 in) wide tape

Track width (W)

1,27 ± 0,13 mm (0.050 ± 0.005 in)

Track spacing (D)

1,78 mm (0.070 in)

Data spacing (S)

38,10 ± 0,03 mm (1.500 ± 0.001 in) for fixed heads

38,10 ± 0,05 mm (1.500 ± 0.002 in) for adjustable heads

Edge margin, minimum (M_m)

0,28 mm (0.011 in)

Track location (reference edge to track 1 centreline) (G)

1,12 ± 0,05 mm (0.044 ± 0.002 in)

Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)

± 0,05 mm (± 0.002 in)

Track number (H_n)

	mm	in
H_1	0	0
H_2	1,78	0.070
H_3	3,56	0.140
H_4	5,34	0.210
H_5	7,12	0.280
H_6	8,90	0.350
H_7	10,68	0.420
H_8	12,46	0.490
H_9	14,24	0.560
H_{10}	16,02	0.630
H_{11}	17,80	0.700
H_{12}	19,58	0.770
H_{13}	21,36	0.840
H_{14}	23,14	0.910

4.7 28 Tracks interlaced on 25,4 mm (1 in) wide tape

Track width (W)

0,64 ± 0,03 mm (0.025 ± 0.001 in)

Track spacing (D)

0,89 mm (0.035 in)

Data spacing (S)

38,10 ± 0,03 mm (1.500 ± 0.001 in) for fixed heads

38,10 ± 0,05 mm (1.500 ± 0.002 in) for adjustable heads

Edge margin, minimum (M_m)

0,22 mm (0.009 in)

Track location (reference edge to track 1 centreline) (G)

0,66 ± 0,04 mm (0.026 ± 0.001 5 in)

Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)

± 0,04 mm (± 0.001 5 in)

Track number (H_n)

	mm	in
H_1	0	0
H_2	0,89	0.035
H_3	1,78	0.070
H_4	2,67	0.105
H_5	3,56	0.140
H_6	4,45	0.175
H_7	5,34	0.210
H_8	6,23	0.245
H_9	7,12	0.280
H_{10}	8,01	0.315
H_{11}	8,90	0.350
H_{12}	9,79	0.385
H_{13}	10,68	0.420
H_{14}	11,57	0.455
H_{15}	12,46	0.490
H_{16}	13,35	0.525
H_{17}	14,24	0.560
H_{18}	15,13	0.595
H_{19}	16,02	0.630
H_{20}	16,91	0.665
H_{21}	17,80	0.700
H_{22}	18,69	0.735
H_{23}	19,58	0.770
H_{24}	20,47	0.805
H_{25}	21,36	0.840
H_{26}	22,25	0.875
H_{27}	23,14	0.910
H_{28}	24,03	0.945

4.8 42 Tracks interlaced on 25,4 mm (1 in) wide tape

Track number (H_n)

		mm	in
Track width (W)			
0,46 ± 0,03 mm (0.018 ± 0.001 in)	H_1	0	0
Track spacing (D)	H_2	0,585	0.023
0,585 mm (0.023 in)	H_3	1,170	0.046
Data spacing (S)	H_4	1,755	0.069
38,10 ± 0,03 mm (1.500 ± 0.001 in) for fixed heads	H_5	2,340	0.092
38,10 ± 0,05 mm (1.500 ± 0.002 in) for adjustable heads	H_6	2,925	0.115
Edge margin, minimum (M_m)	H_7	3,510	0.138
0,32 mm (0.012 in)	H_8	4,095	0.161
Track location (reference edge to track 1 centreline) (G)	H_9	4,680	0.184
0,70 ± 0,04 mm (0.027 5 ± 0.001 5 in)	H_{10}	5,265	0.207
Track spacing tolerance (ΔH_n)	H_{11}	5,850	0.230
± 0,03 mm (0.001 in)	H_{12}	6,435	0.253
	H_{13}	7,020	0.276
	H_{14}	7,605	0.299
	H_{15}	8,190	0.322
	H_{16}	8,775	0.345
	H_{17}	9,360	0.368
	H_{18}	9,945	0.391
	H_{19}	10,530	0.414
	H_{20}	11,115	0.437
	H_{21}	11,700	0.460
	H_{22}	12,285	0.483
	H_{23}	12,870	0.506
	H_{24}	13,455	0.529
	H_{25}	14,040	0.552
	H_{26}	14,625	0.575
	H_{27}	15,210	0.598
	H_{28}	15,795	0.621
	H_{29}	16,380	0.644
	H_{30}	16,965	0.667
	H_{31}	17,550	0.690
	H_{32}	18,135	0.713
	H_{33}	18,720	0.736
	H_{34}	19,305	0.759
	H_{35}	19,890	0.782
	H_{36}	20,475	0.805
	H_{37}	21,060	0.828
	H_{38}	21,645	0.851
	H_{39}	22,230	0.874
	H_{40}	22,815	0.897
	H_{41}	23,400	0.920
	H_{42}	23,985	0.943

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5 HEAD AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

NOTE — The effective tape speed throughout a reel (in the absence of tape-derived servo speed control) shall be within $\pm 0,5\%$ of the standard speed; tape speed errors being defined as departures from the standard occurring at frequencies below 0,5 Hz.

5.1 Data scatter

Data scatter shall not be greater than $2,5\ \mu\text{m}$ ($100\ \mu\text{in}$). It is the responsibility of an equipment manufacturer to decide whether or not data scatter may be equated to gap scatter.

5.2 Data azimuth (static)

Data azimuth (static) shall be within $\pm 0,3\ \text{mrad}$ ($\pm 1'$ of arc). It is the responsibility of an equipment manufacturer to decide whether or not data azimuth (static) may be equated to head azimuth.

5.3 Individual track data azimuth difference

The maximum signal loss due to individual track data azimuth difference shall be no greater than 1 dB (excluding

reproduce head error) at the shortest wavelength for the equipment under test.

5.4 Head polarity

5.4.1 Record head

Each record head winding shall be connected to its respective amplifier in such a manner that a positive-going NRZ step with respect to system ground, at the amplifier input, will result in the generation of a specific magnetic pattern on tape passing the record head in the normal direction of tape motion.

The resulting magnetic pattern shall consist of a polarity sequence of south-north, north-south.

5.4.2 Reproduce head

Each reproduce head winding shall be connected to its respective amplifier in such a manner that of tape exhibiting a south-north, north-south magnetic pattern will produce a positive-going pulse, with respect to system ground, at the output of the reproduce amplifier.

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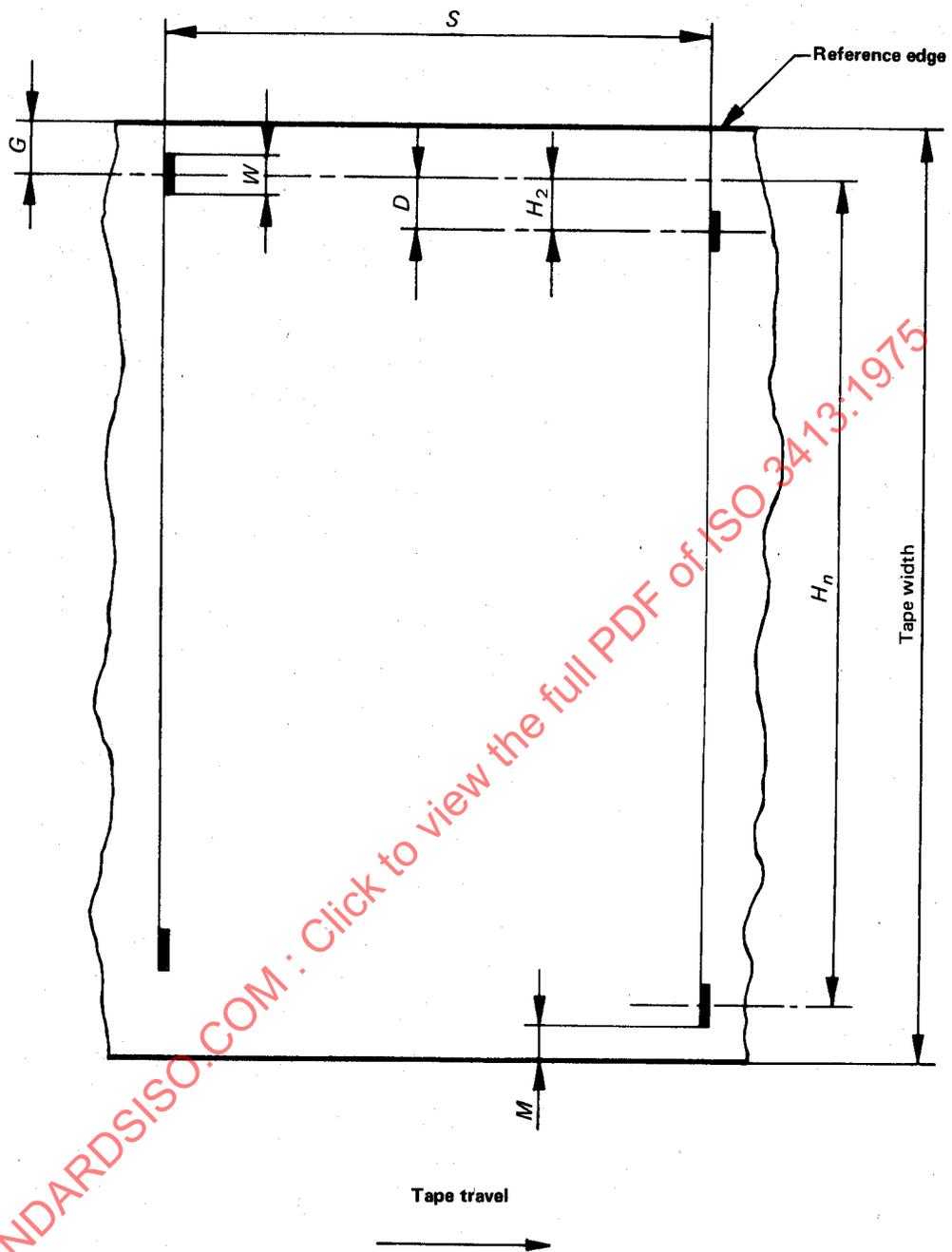


FIGURE 1 – Recorded tape format, magnetic surface side

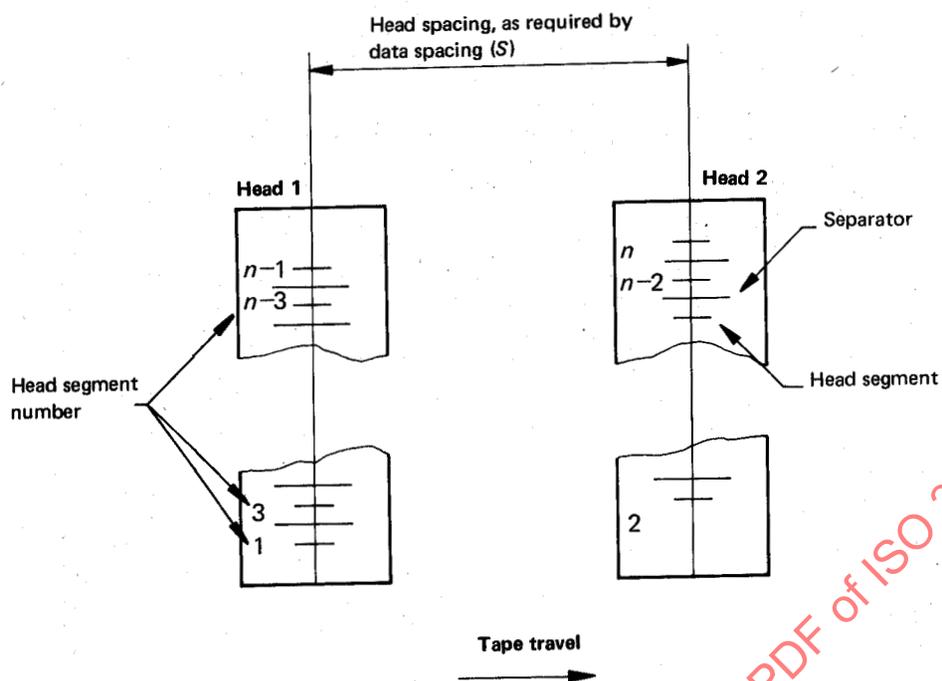


FIGURE 2 – Heads interlaced, n -track system

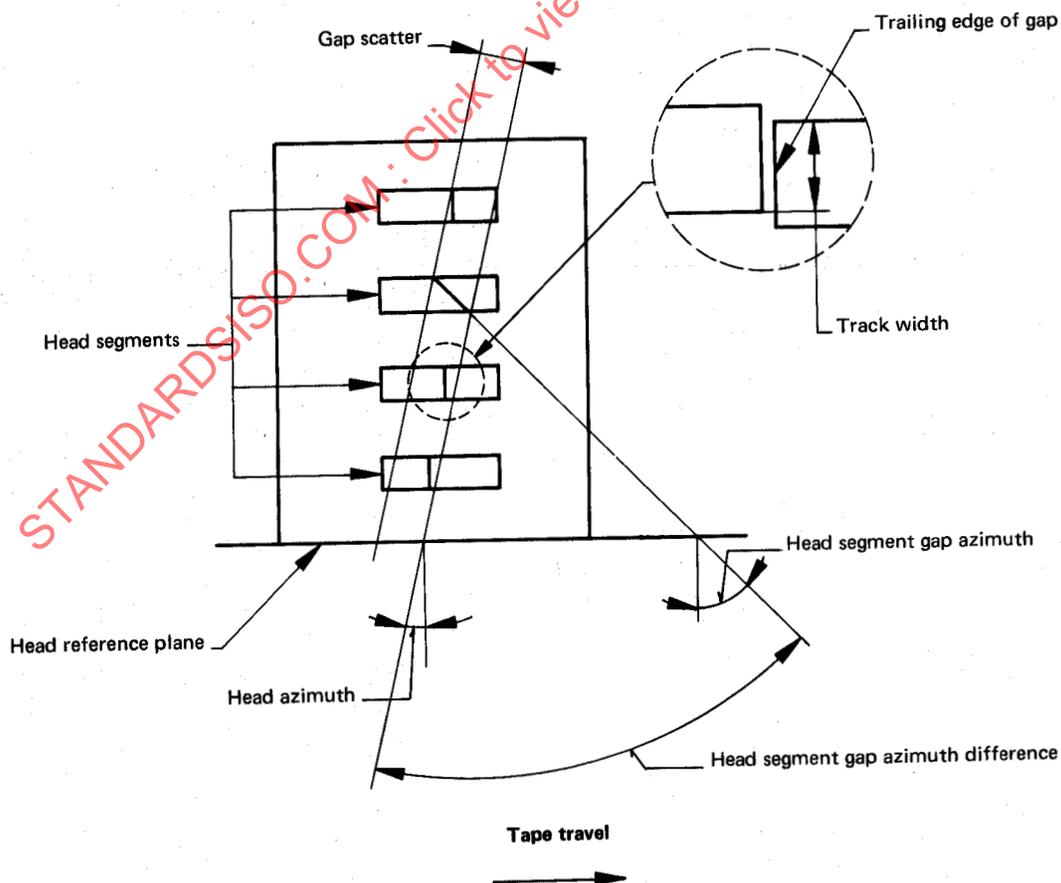


FIGURE 3 – Head mechanical parameters