## ASTRON/Type 26 Computer Tape

Astron is an ultra-durable certified computer tape coated on the back with a special protective coating. The backcoating protects the base film from scratching caused by computer tape drives and it prevents build-up of the static charges which attract debris particles - two common causes of computer tape errors. Tape damage caused by "cinching" (layer to layer slippage) and "offsetting" (poor rewinding characteristics) are substantially reduced. Other performance improvements are more consistent start/ stop times and better sensing of reflective markers.





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## **Dimensions**

 $0.498 \pm 0.002$  inch Width

Thickness

0.00142 inch nominal Base film Magnetic coating 390 microinches 90 microinches Back coating 0.00190 inches average Total thickness

1/4 inch minimum E value

**Magnetic Properties** 

265 oersteds nominal Intrinsic coercive force (Hci) 1.3 maxwell nominal Residual flux (Фr)

Performance

Signal quality

Signal level ±10% at 800 bpi

+25%, -10% at 3200 fci Total surface certified to have no permanent errors

Certification Dual density, 3200 fci/800 bpi Less than 2.0 microseconds Dynamic skew

**Physical Properties** 

Base film Polyester

(oriented polyethylene terephthalate) Non-toxic

Toxicity

Self extinguishing Flammability

Splices None

Magnetic coating surface roughness 5 microinches, centerline average Magnetic coating surface resistance Less than 200 megohms per square Back coating surface resistance Less than 25,000 ohms per square

Layer to layer adhesion

0.125 inch maximum/36 inches Curvature 0.01 inch maximum/0.25 inch Cupping Yield force 9 lbs./0.5 inch minimum 0.3% /0.5 inch maximum Elongation under stress

Compatibility Not an inhibiter

Recommended Environment

40°F to 90°F, 20% R.H. to 80 R.H. Operating range

(Max. wet bulb 78°F)

40°F to 90°F, 20% R.H. to 80 R.H. Storage range

(Max. wet bulb 80°F)

Unrecorded tapes may be stored at 120°F (Max. wet bulb 80°F)