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FOREWORD

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies the main characteristics and conventions intended to facilitate the exchange of rolled-up, punched paper tape used for information handling.

NOTE – Data interchange by means of rolls of tape contained on reels or cores will be the subject of a future International Standard.

It is intended that properties and dimensions of the unpunched paper tape, the punching dimensions and the coding to be used shall be in accordance with the appropriate ISO documents (see section 2).

2 REFERENCES

ISO/R 1729, *Properties of unpunched paper tape.*

ISO/R 1154, *Dimensions for punched paper tape for data interchange.*

ISO/R 1113, *Representation of 6 and 7 bit coded character sets on punched tape.*

ISO/R 646, *6 and 7 bit coded character sets for information processing interchange.*

3 TRANSPORTATION

It is important that tape for data interchange shall not be damaged or contaminated during transport from one installation to another. Therefore adequate protection shall be provided by means of a suitable container.

4 STORAGE CONDITIONS

Storage of tapes in extreme conditions of heat, moisture or dryness is to be avoided : tapes which are to be read must be satisfactorily stored, in the recommended atmospheric conditions, within 40 to 60 % relative humidity. If tapes have been treated otherwise, it will be necessary to condition them for many hours, or even several days, to reacclimatize them to the proper conditions.

5 INTERCHANGE TAPE FORMAT

5.1 Preliminary arrangements

It will ordinarily be necessary, before interchanging data

on punched tape, for the sender and receiver to have made certain preliminary arrangements of detail such as the type of data concerned, whether to read forward or backward, reel off from the outside or the inside of the roll, shipping and wrapping practices, etc.

5.2 Leaders and trailers

In order to facilitate tape handling on reeling equipment, each coil of punched tape shall have a leader and a trailer, at least 1.2 m (4 ft) in length. Each leader and trailer shall include a minimum of 100 identical characters immediately before and after data characters respectively.

5.3 Direction of movement

Tapes for data interchange shall be marked, or the ends cut, to give a positive indication of the direction of forward movement at the time of punching. Examples of such markings are a distinctively cut end of tape (arrow head), pre-printed or hand-written arrows or an adhesive label. If pre-printed, the directional markers shall be on the outside surface of the unpunched roll and shall be printed in non-abrasive, low density ink on the entire length of the tape, spaced not more than 150 mm (approximately 6 in) apart.

5.4 Cores

A core, if used, shall be strong enough to maintain the inner diameter of a coil during normal practical use.

5.5 Outer diameter of interchange rolls

The outer diameter shall not exceed 150 mm (approximately 6 in). Larger diameter rolls may be exchanged by special agreement between the interested parties.

5.6 Splicing

Splices shall not be permitted throughout the length of the tape except by special agreement between the interested parties.

5.7 Hand-written information

Hand-written information, if any, shall be placed outside the data-bearing portion of the punched tape.

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