

# **ECMA/TR 11, Guidelines for the Handling and Storage of Magnetic Tapes**

## **SCOPE**

Magnetic tape forms an integral part of any magnetic tape equipment design and must be in good condition to obtain optimum system performance. Failure to maintain this good condition can lead to wasted computer time, extra off-line work, time delays all of which can be expensive and could cause customer dissatisfaction. It is important therefore that magnetic tapes receive due care and attention at all times during their life cycle.

Therefore this document provides guidelines for the handling and storage of magnetic tapes during use on tape equipment, in computer rooms, libraries, archival storage or transportation.