## Tape Recording Formats In Approximate Chronological Sequence

	VVIG
Reel	1/4
Reel	1⁄2" 0
Cassette	1/8
Reel	1'
Reel	1/4
Cassette	1/8
Cartridge	1/4
Reel	1/4

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Format	Tape Width	# of Tracks	Track Width	Tape Speed	Bi-Directional?	Use	
Reel	1/4"	1	1/4"	30 ips, 15 ips	Ν	Science, Professional Recording	
Reel	1/4"	2 (1 in each direction)	1/8"	30 ips, 15 ips	Y	Science, Professional Recording	
Reel	1/4"	2	1/8"	30 ips, 15 ips	Ν	Professional Recording/ Mastering, Audiophile (" <b>Half-Track</b> ")	
Reel	1/4"	4 (2 in each direction)	1/16"	7 ips, 3.5 ips	Y	Home Recording	
Reel	1⁄2" or 1"	4	1/8" or 1/4"	30 ips, 15 ips	Ν	Professional studios ("Multichannel")	
Cassette	1/8"	2 (1 in each direction)	1/16"	1 7/8"ips	Y	Portable recording, playing, mono " <b>Phillips Cassette</b> "	
Reel	1"	8	1/4"	30 ips, 15 ips	Ν	Professional Recording studios ("Multichannel," other advances not shown)	
Reel	1/4"	4	1/16"	7.5 ips, 3.25 ips	Ν	Audiophile ("Quad")	
Cassette	1/8"	4 (2 in each direction)	1/32"	1 7/8 ips	Y	Home Recording, Walkmans, "stereo cassette"	
Cartridge	1/4"	8 (2 played at a time for stereo effect)	1/32"	3.75 ips	N (Continuous loop)	Automobile, home stereo (" <b>Eight-</b> <b>Track</b> ")	
Reel	1/4"	4	1/16"	30 ips, 15 ips, 7.5 ips, 3.75 ips	Ν	Home studio multichannel recording (aka <b>Tascam 2340, 3340</b> , and imitators)	
Cassette	1/8"	4	1/32"	1 7/8 ips, 3.75 ips	Ν	Home studio multichannel recording " <b>4-channel cassette</b> "	
Reel	1/8"	8	1/32"	15 ips, 7.5 ips, 3.75 ips	Ν	Home Studio multichannel recording, Fostex R-8, others	

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