

Data sheet



HP StoreEver LTO Ultrium Tape Drives

Meet data protection and storage challenges head-on



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What if your storage gave you improved performance, smoother manageability, and better data security? With six generations of Linear Tape-Open (LTO) technology backing, storing up to 6.25 TB per cartridge (compressed), HP StoreEver LTO Ultrium Tape Drives are just what you need. Integrated with HP TapeAssure for manageability, hardware data encryption, and HP StoreOpen with Linear Tape File System (LTFS) for ease of use, HP StoreEver LTO Ultrium Tape Drives enable better data security and faster tape performance, so you get centralized management, easier administrative control, and cost-effective data protection, every day.

HP StoreEver LTO Ultrium Tape Drives are essential for a good disaster recovery plan and as key media for archiving. The portability of tape allows it to be easily and safely stored offsite. Tape provides the last line of defense against virus, fire, floods, hackers, human error, software bugs, and replicated errors that could otherwise put data at risk.

As Businesses understand that storing, securing, and repurposing data assets are fundamental to their success, the position of tape as the ideal low-cost data archiving solution is being strengthened. Tape media is financially viable, and its long shelf life makes it the smarter medium for long-term storage that helps meet regulatory compliance. The adoption of LTO with LTFS is increasing rapidly in the media and entertainment industry, healthcare and medical imaging, video surveillance, and high-performance computing environments.

HP-branded LTO Ultrium media enhances performance reliably. Our cartridges pass exhaustive laboratory tests that go beyond the requirements of industry standard logo specifications. Our goal is to provide greater quality for backup and archiving operations and, for restoring your data when you need it most. Before LTO-6 was launched, we had already completed nearly half a million hours of testing for LTO-6 media, pulling over 500,000 miles of tape. Also in 2011, we conducted over 2.6 million hours of quality control testing for HP LTO Ultrium branded media.

Key features and benefits

Designed for long-term, durable data protection, and including a number of unique HP reliability features, HP StoreEver LTO Ultrium Tape Drives offer:

Outstanding capacity and performance with monitoring and management capabilities and hardware encryption by:

- Providing up to 6.25 TB of compressed capacity on a single cartridge
- Offering up to 1.44 TB/hr data transfer rate to enable smoother performance for even the tightest backup window
- Providing users with the ability to use standard file operations on tape media for accessing, managing, and sharing files with an interface that behaves just like a hard disk because HP StoreOpen with LTF5 makes tape self-describing, file-based, and easy to use
- Allowing the switch from reactive to proactive management with HP TapeAssure that monitors drive and media utilization operational performance, and life/health information for drive and media
- Providing highest level of security with hardware data encryption to secure confidential information and addresses compliance quickly, with fewer cartridges

Premium technology for enhanced reliability with:

- Robust store and restore over extended periods with tape head-positioning designed to flex with time and conditions
- Energy efficiency with the new LTO-6 hibernate mode
- Dynamic data rate matching for enhanced performance
- Leading Mean-Time-Between-Failure (MTBF) of 250,000 hours at 100 percent duty cycle¹

Connectivity and compatibility

- A wide choice of models including internal, external, and rack mount, a choice of interfaces SAS and SCSI, and wide connectivity to server platform including vendors such as Dell, IBM, and Sun Software compatibility includes an extensive list of supported backup and archiving software applications from HP, CA, VERITAS

Complete solution straight out-of-the-box

- Provides a complete solution to protect your data with HP LTO media, cleaning cartridges (with full height drives), and the option to download a free copy of Yosemite Server Backup Basic software with support for hardware data encryption and One-Button Disaster Recovery (OBDR), cables, and documentation
- Restores your entire ProLiant system with OBDR, without the need for system disks or software CDs
- Offers a secure method for archiving records with WORM data protection capability to help meet industry compliance regulations

¹ HP internal testing, November 2012

Technical specifications



HP LTO Ultrium Cartridges

Recording technology	LTO-1 Ultrium, LTO-2 Ultrium, LTO-3 Ultrium, LTO-4 Ultrium, LTO-5 Ultrium, LTO-6 Ultrium
Media labeling	Write-on labels in box
Media format	Rewritable and Write-once media
Quantity per package	1 Maximum, depending on model
Capacity	6.25 TB Compressed 2.5:1 Maximum, depending on model
Read speed	400 MB/s Maximum, depending on media type
Product color	LTO-1 medium blue; LTO-2 red; LTO-3 yellow; LTO-4 green; LTO-5 light blue; LTO-6 purple
Tape length	846 m Maximum, depending on model
Tape width (metric)	12.65 mm
Tape thickness	6.4 mm Minimum, depending on model
Base film type	Metal particle or Barium ferrite
Bit density	343 Kb/in. Maximum, depending on model
Number of data tracks	2,176 Maximum, depending on model
Magnetic layer coercivity	2500 - 2700 Oe Maximum, depending on model
Archival storage life	30 years
Drive compatibility	Storage Media Compatibility Matrix: hptapecompat.com
Warranty standard statement	Limited lifetime

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Capacity	Up to 6.25 TB compressed 2.5:1
Transfer rate	Up to 1.44 TB/hr compressed 2.5:1
Buffer size	Up to 512 MB
Host interface	6 Gb/s SAS, 3 Gb/s SAS, Ultra 320 LVD SCSI (depending on the model)
LTFS Support	LTO-5 and LTO-6
Encryption capability	Yes (LTO-4, LTO-5, and LTO-6)
WORM capability	Yes (LTO-3, LTO-4, LTO-5, and LTO-6)
Form factor	5.25 inch, full height or half height (depending on the model)
Warranty	3-year, next-day, product exchange, limited warranty, plus 9x5 phone support

The total package—Solution value statements

HP ProLiant Server and HP LTO Ultrium Tape Drives

LTO Ultrium Tape Drives are ideal for use with HP ProLiant servers, providing reliable, affordable data protection for your ProLiant system. With up to 6.25 TB stored on a single LTO-6 cartridge in just over four hours, these drives provide a balance of price and performance for medium and enterprise business environments.

In addition, ProLiant customers using an Integrated Lights-Out (iLO) or RiLO card can take advantage of the remote restore functionality of HP OBDR to restore a ProLiant server remotely.

HP Technology Services

HP Technology Services are the trusted business technology experts who manage your technology in action, because when technology works, business works.

Partner with HP to boost availability and avoid costly downtime by mitigating technology-related business risks. To help take the worry out of deploying, supporting, and managing your HP LTO Ultrium Tape Drives storage solution, we've designed a portfolio of service options that are as flexible, scalable, and affordable as our storage.

Better technology, better management

HP Technology Services helps take the worry out of deploying, supporting, and managing your HP StoreEver LTO Ultrium storage solution—trust the services professionals at HP to boost availability and avoid costly downtime.

We recommend:

- **3-Year HP Support Plus 24 Service:** For a higher return on your storage technology, this three-year combined reactive support option delivers integrated onsite hardware/software support services available 24x7
- **HP Installation Service:** For smooth startup and better business outcomes, this service provides initial hardware installation of your product into your technology environment (system configuration is not included)

Resources

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For additional benefits, visit hp.com/hps/carepack

For more information about HP services and support, visit hp.com/hps/storage

The total package—Software

Yosemite Server Backup

Yosemite Server Backup basic backup and recovery software is an easy-to-use application that can be installed in minutes and includes all the features needed to protect a single server. It also includes predefined and customizable media rotation schemes. Up to four parallel data streams keep the Ultrium tape drives streaming. Data encryption can be configured using the easy-to-manage interface. The Bare Metal Disaster Recovery feature supports OBDR for fast and automated recovery of a ProLiant server after a major disaster. To know more, visit barracudaware.com/ysbbasic

Service and support

HP Factory Express

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