

More tape drives supported by \$TAPE

The Global Tape Utility (\$TAPE) has been enhanced to operate with more tape drives.

Product TE (Global Tape Utility – General) has been upgraded to operate with the Archive Viper 2150L QIC-02 150Mb tape drive. This drive provides an alternative to the Wangtek 150 and Everex Stream/150 tape drives. Note that only the ISA-bus VP-402 adapter card is supported; the MCA-bus Archive VP-409 and Maynard Archive VP 20003 adapter cards are not supported by \$TAPE. The Archive Viper driver is enabled by using Global Configurator to change the Tape Controller to VIPER. The configuration prompts for the VIPER controller are the same as those for the CD-TAPE controller.

Product TF (Global Tape Utility – Exabyte) has been certified for use with the following SCSI DAT drives:

- WangDAT 3100 DDS DAT tape drive
- WangDAT 3200 DDS-DC Compression DAT tape drive

Both of these drives are accessed using the standard \$TAPE SCSI driver (AHA-TAPE or ADAPTEC).

The maximum capacities of these drives are as follows:

<i>Drive</i>	<i>90m DAT cassette</i>	<i>60m DAT cassette</i>
WangDAT 3100	2.0Gb	1.3Gb
WangDAT 3200 (no compression)	2.0Gb	1.3Gb
WangDAT 3200 (4-fold compression)	8.0Gb	5.2Gb

The actual capacities will be reduced by the space taken up by file-marks. For example, for a typical save to a 90m DAT cassette, without compression, the actual tape capacity is 1.8Gb.

Note that WangDAT claim a compression ratio of between 2 and 4 for the WangDAT 3200 drive.

All 3 tape drives mentioned above are available from the Hardware Sales Department. Please contact David Matthews (Bourne End) or David Thompson (City office) for further information.