COMPATIBILITY

Proprietary storage systems don't give you a lot of options when you want to transfer data. They can lock you into a system that can be more expensive and lacking innovation.

That's why LTO specifications are open format, designed for interoperability from among multiple competing vendors. These vendors submit their products to compatibility testing to ensure vendor functionality so that an LTO tape from one vendor can be used on a drive provided by another. It's become the de-facto standard for medium-tier storage needs.

Most importantly, the LTO format ensures that your investment today will continue to pay off for years to come. LTO specifications provide backwards compatibility to read/write with previous generations. LTO drive generation 1-7 are able to read tapes from two generations prior and are able to write to tapes from the prior generation. LTO-8 drives can read and write to LTO-7 drives. With a published roadmap, LTO technology allows you to better forecast how to address your future technology as you address your needs today.

And with the Linear Tape File System (LTFS), LTO tape options are more compatible than ever before. There's no need for a proprietary system to locate that document or video file that you're searching for. LTFS makes it easy and simple. It's open source and open standard, meaning that it's broadly available regardless of which brand of LTO tape that you're using.

Today, LTO technology provides the confidence that the file you save can be accessed by a broad range of partners for years to come. That's the LTO difference.

Key Facts

- ▶ LTO specifications are an open format designed for interoperability

- ▶ Investment protection is assured through backwards compatibility

- ▶ LTFS provides easy data access and management allowing for easy file share