

VIDEO TAPE

MY, experience with the various brands of video tape and preference!

First things to always remember about Video Tape; BUY NAME BRANDS ONLY.

Tape companys are popping-up, like the weeds will in my garden come May!

Not only will your machine suffer the consequences of the "cheap" tape; your billfold will have a STROKE; come repair time. In some cases you will find it cheaper to buy a new machine, for the warranty alone!

Who makes the tape for whom? (Good question-but am not too sure on the real facts-due to who own's who?)... FACT: Radio Shack owns Memorex; so that puts the rumor to sleep that it is an 'Off-Brand'. The price on Radio Shack brand is usually \$3-4 higher than Memorex; as the main company sets the price; not the local stores.

FACT: JVC owns the VHS trademark, and all tape that meets their standard will have VHS on the cassette and outer box.

I use the following for MY uses: Remember this is my opinion!

Everyday - tape regular programming and replay, over and over.

Name Brand T-60: A local discount store couldn't sell the stuff when T-120 was going for only \$2 more, so got a deal on 3 cases of it for \$85. I use T-60 in 6 hr. mode as will cover the whole 3 hrs. of prime time TV in my area. Also use all the tape; not just a portion; over and over. (T-60 isn't a big seller and can literally steal it if you go together with a bunch of people and get 4 or more cases at a time. HINT: Try local Video stores where they rent tapes, as usually stuck with it!)

T.V. Programs and Series for re-edit to a "Master Tape".

(Am doing the 2 'Helicopter Series' for my nephew, keeps him quiet!) PBS - 'Masterpiece Theater' is excellent, and definetly a keeper... When taping for re-edit to a Master, I tape in 2 Hr. mode with Memorex. (Not High Grade, as something just isn't right with it - tried in 3 different machines to see if it was mine)!

"Master Tapes" - Taped in 6 Hr. mode with Scotch! I have heard salesmen try to talk people out of buying Scotch, saying that it was no good. The reason for this is not only a lack of knowledge about what they are selling, but are there to sell a higher priced tape for more money in their pocket on commission! FACT: Best Signal-to-Noise-Ratio on the market, only Scotch High-Grade can beat it! Have used over 300, and had 1 bad tape-which was mechanical malfunction in the cassette itself-not the tape! Also it is a 'softer' tape and easier on the VCR's heads! (Don't let people tell you they have to give a rebate to sell the tapes --- It is DAMN GOOD, the best in my opinion!)

Camera Recording - No recommendation or preference, as haven't had a camera stay operational long enough to form an opinion. I do have a friend that tapes all the local H.S.'s Football and Basketball Teams games and swears by Fuji.