

VHS VIDEO TAPES

About VHS Video

VHS tape machines were invented in the 1970s by JVC and for a while were in competition with Sony's Betamax. Although VCRs (Video Cassette Recorders) were available, it was as prices dropped that they became almost standard equipment in any homes that had a television.

The format started to lose popularity as DVD and hard disk recorders became available earlier this century, and with the cessation of analogue TV signals, VHS recorders (because of their analogue tuners) became largely obsolete.

In simple terms, the quite slow moving magnetic tape contacts a revolving head which spins at high speed. Cleanliness of the head, as well as consistent tape speed is critical, and we will all be familiar with 'rolling' or 'snowy' pictures and intermittent loss of colour when playing back VHS tapes.

Obviously the quality of the original recording restricts what can be reproduced onto DVD, but we will always endeavour to achieve the best results possible.

Transfer of video

Your tape is played on a well maintained VHS playback machine and the video (with audio) copied to a hard disc recorder. This is then edited for a 'clean' start and finish, and titled as appropriate. The transferred programme is then copied to a recordable DVD which is 'finalized' to make it ready for playback on a DVD player or computer. The disc is fitted with a simple text label, tested for correct operation and supplied in a standard CD type jewel case.

It should be noted that a recordable DVD can hold an absolute maximum of two hours at standard quality, so longer running times will normally require more than one disc.

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