With its higher capacity and performance, the IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive is an excellent alternative to DLT, 1/4-inch, 4 mm, or 8 mm tape drives. It has a sustained data transfer rate of up to 30 MB/sec (compressed 2:1).

Advanced features
The IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive features Ultra2/Wide SCSI Low Voltage Differential (LVD) or Ultra/Wide SCSI High Voltage Differential (HVD) interfaces and can attach to IBM and non-IBM servers, workstations, and personal computers that support these interfaces. As a SCSI-attached tape solution, the IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive connects to Fibre Channel server adapters through selected IBM Storage Area Network Data Gateway products. Future plans include Fibre Channel-Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL) attachment.

The IBM 3580 has an LCD display and indicators for write protection, tape in use, drive cleaning, and data compression.

Software support
You can increase the power of the IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive by managing it with tape management solutions such as Tivoli® Storage Manager or other third party storage software. With such software, the IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive can support highly automated, centrally scheduled,

IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive

Today all types of businesses rely on data as a key corporate asset. You must be able to access data quickly and reliably, archive large databases and retrieve them when needed, and complete these tasks economically—whether you are using a high-performance network server or an individual workstation.

The IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive is one building block of a family of scalable, flexible tape solutions. By leveraging advanced Linear Tape-Open (LTO) technology, the IBM Tape Drive is suited for handling the backup, save/restore, and archival data storage needs of a wide range of small systems.

The IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive has a capacity of up to 200 GB with compression (2:1). As your needs grow, you can build on this storage investment by moving to the IBM Tape Autoloader (2:1 compressed data capacity of up to 1.4 TB). As your storage requirements continue to grow, you can choose the IBM Ultrium Scalable Tape Library (2:1 compressed data capacity of up to 14.4 TB) or the IBM UltraScalable Tape Library (2:1 compressed data capacity of up to 496.2 TB).

The tape media is interchangeable among all four devices.

### Highlights
- Offers capacity, performance, and reliability for midrange and network tape storage environments
- Provides an entry-level Ultrium™ tape solution
- Supports cost-effective backup, save/restore, and archival storage
- Provides continuous, easy-to-understand drive information with an LCD status display
- Adheres to widely supported Linear Tape-Open™ (LTO™) standards
policy-managed backup and archive facilities to protect data in distributed enterprises.

**Why IBM LTO?**

LTO is an open tape architecture developed by a consortium of three world-class storage producers. Open means availability from multiple vendors. IBM means a new technology from a time-proven and innovative tape technology leader.

IBM Ultrium drives share best-of-breed recording capabilities, magneto-resistive (MR) head and servo technologies, and high recording densities. Error correction code (ECC) function helps support data integrity.

IBM also provides worldwide service and technical support when you invest in an IBM Ultrium solution—including a complete array of servers, software, printers, and storage devices.

**Media**

You can order media for the IBM Ultrium External Tape Drive at the time of purchase or via IBM Machine Type 3589 or from IBM Media, Supplies Distribution, and authorized dealers. Call 1-888-IBM-Media (1-888-426-6334) toll-free in the United States and Canada.

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