Subject: Rethreading Eaten Cassettes
Posted by audioaudio90 on Tue, 26 Jun 2012 12:23:17 GMT
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When cassettes were in vogue, do you remember how frequently the tape deck would eat them? Then you were stuck with miles of tape you had to try to rethread; I always had a hard time getting it rewound at the proper tension and they were never the same. Were you ever able to get them back the way they should be?

Subject: Re: Rethreading Eaten Cassettes
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 28 Jun 2012 19:25:39 GMT
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Hi Sometimes. I used a vary speed cordless drive and a 6 sided wooden pencil. Get it nearly all in , then do the rest by hand. Most of the time however the tape was crinkled by the player and would glitch when played.

Subject: Re: Rethreading Eaten Cassettes
Posted by audioaudio90 on Wed, 04 Jul 2012 15:46:07 GMT
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Using the cordless and a pencil was pretty smart and a lot faster than doing it by hand the entire time. Yes, the crinkling sucked, but I don't know what could have been done about it. It's not like you can iron the tape.

Subject: Re: Rethreading Eaten Cassettes
Posted by gofar99 on Wed, 04 Jul 2012 20:55:49 GMT
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You can't iron them? So that's what I did wrong.

I still have a Harmon Kardon high end recorder (back from when the HQ was in New York). Has everything, Dolby, B and C with HX Pro metal etc. I tried it out a while ago on some metal tapes and it is surprisingly good. But with the ease of making a CD of going to a drive directly, it is rather a moot point. I just got a 64gig thumb drive.... do you have any idea how much music you can stuff on it... even uncompressed it is huge.

Subject: Re: Rethreading Eaten Cassettes
Posted by Nymeria on Thu, 16 Aug 2012 12:57:16 GMT
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Ironing tape?

Digital may have a few drawbacks but it is really hard to argue with its convenience in both production and storage. I certainly don't miss my jumbled pile of tapes or having to rethread them.

Subject: Re: Rethreading Eaten Cassettes
Posted by Damon73 on Sat, 25 Aug 2012 00:08:45 GMT
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audioaudio90 wrote on Wed, 04 July 2012 10:46Using the cordless and a pencil was pretty smart and a lot faster than doing it by hand the entire time. Yes, the crinkling sucked, but I don't know what could have been done about it. It's not like you can iron the tape.

That is a really good idea, I wish I would've thought of that back then. Once in a while I could decently rethread a tape by hand, but usually I would just give up. I never knew anyone who could consistently fix a tape, it was just one of the irritating things about cassettes.

Subject: Re: Rethreading Eaten Cassettes
Posted by Fannie on Thu, 26 Sep 2013 01:57:52 GMT
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I always hated it when one of my cassettes was eaten. Even when I was able to re thread them, they never sounded the same again.
