

First magnetic recording tape in Japan

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Name (Model, etc.)	Soni-Tape (Magnetic tape for audio recording)
Location	Minato-ku, Tokyo
	Sony Group Corporation
Owner (Custodian)	Sony Group Corporation
Manufacturer (Company)	Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering Corporation (now Sony Group Corporation)
Year Manufactured	1950
Year first appeared	1950
Reason For Selection	This is the first magnetic tape for audio recording developed in Japan, consisting of iron oxide magnetic material laid on a paper base. Although originally intended for home use, it was also used widely in industry. Magnetic recording tape proved highly popular and was further refined, most notably by Phillips with the invention of the compact cassette, which fed directly into the development of personal audio devices such as the Sony "Walkman" that transformed the way we listen to music. The Soni-Tape is important evidence of the inception of a new technology that has not just changed the way we live but underpins modern society, having evolved from analog tape to digital tape for recording music and video as well as other variations such as high-density digital magnetic tape for data storage.
Registration Standard	1-A (Show an important aspect or stage of the development of science and technology.) 2-C (Show an important event or phenomenon in the relationship between society and culture on the one hand and science and technology on the other.)

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