

Japan's First Over-the-Shoulder Tape Recorder

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Registration Date	September 15, 2015	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	Shoulder style Tape Recorder PT-1
Location	Minato-ku, Tokyo
	NHK Museum of Broadcasting
Owner (Custodian)	NHK Museum of Broadcasting
Manufacturer (Company)	Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo Corporation (now Sony Corporation)
Year Manufactured	1951
Year first appeared	1951
Reason For Selection	This is the first over-the-shoulder tape recorder to be produced in Japan. Weighing 8 kg and measuring 17 cm high × 35 cm wide × 17 cm long, it was widely used as a portable tape recorder for on-the-street interviews. It was driven by a hand-wound spring motor and had a tube amplifier. While it was simple, with only one recording/playback head dedicated to recording, the specifications focused on reliability. It was given the pet name “Densuke” after a recording device depicted in the manga of the same name.
Registration Standard	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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