

Japan's First Tape Recorder

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Name (Model, etc.)	Type G tape recorder
Location	Minato-ku, Tokyo
	Sony Corporation
Owner (Custodian)	Sony Corporation
Manufacturer (Company)	Sony Corporation
Year Manufactured	1950
Year first appeared	1950
Reason For Selection	Japan's first tape recorder. Developed soon after the war, despite a lack of relevant component and materials, by repeated trial and error, using parts supplied from competing products, such as disc recorder motors. With an open reel format and a tape speed of 19cm/s, it could be mounted with a 10" reel. The tape was also developed at the same time; the tape used was made from iron oxide pasted onto a paper base. While it was developed for household use, at 35kg and ¥160,000, its large size and high price meant that in reality it was used in court houses and other public institutions. A valuable piece as the forerunner of Japan's audio equipment development.
Registration Standard	1 - A (Show an important aspect or stage of the development of science and technology.)

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