


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	<p>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.</p>		
Registration Standard	1 - A (Show an important aspect or stage of the development of science and technology.)		

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