IBM TS3500 Tape Library supports LTO Ultrium 8 tape drive technology

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At a glance

IBM TS1080 Model F8A is an IBM Linear Tape-Open™ (LTO™) Ultrium™ 8 Tape Drive that combines IBM tape reliability and performance at open systems prices. New Ultrium 8 tape drives deliver the following improvements:

- Maximum data transfer rates deliver up to 360 MBps native for full-high (FH) tape drives
- Support for LTO generation 8 media specification tape cartridge compressed capacity of up to 30 TB with 2.5 to 1 compression
- 8 Gbps Fibre Channel dual-ported interface attachment
- Support for media partitioning and self-describing tape with IBM Spectrum Archive™ Enterprise Edition software
- Encryption capabilities
- LTO Ultrium 8 cartridge capacity of up to 240 PB per library (up to 600 PB with 2.5 to 1 compression)

TS1080 Model F8A can be installed in new or previously installed TS3500 Tape Library models L53, D53, L52, and D52.

Overview

IBM TS1080 Model F8A is designed to be installed in an IBM TS3500 tape library to deliver high capacity and performance for the midrange open systems environment. This model incorporates the new LTO Ultrium 8 Tape Drive with enhanced maximum tape drive throughput over the IBM LTO generation 7 Tape Drive (Ultrium 7). It has a native data transfer of up to 360 MBps for FH tape drives. The TS1080 Tape Drive supports the LTO generation 8 media specification of double the compressed capacity with up to 30 TB with 2.5 to 1 compression (up to 12 TB native capacity) as compared to previous LTO 7 compressed capacity of up to 15 TB with 2.5 to 1 compression (up to 6 TB native capacity) per tape cartridge. IBM Ultrium 8 tape drives can read and write LTO Ultrium 7. The TS1080 has an 8 Gbps Fibre Channel dual-ported interface for connection to a wide spectrum of open system servers.

The IBM TS1080 LTO Ultrium 8 Tape Drive supports data encryption with Ultrium 8 and Ultrium 7 media.

IBM Ultrium 8 enhancements to help improve performance and reliability include:

- Native data transfer rate of up to 360 MBps for FH tape drives
• LTO generation 8 media specification tape cartridge compressed capacity of up to 30 TB (up to 12 TB native)
• 8 Gbps Fibre Channel dual-ported drive attachment
• A 1 GB internal buffer
• Support for media partitioning and self-describing tape with IBM Spectrum Archive Enterprise Edition
• LTO Ultrium 8 encryption support
• Support for new and field merge TS1080 (3588-F8A) drives into 3584 models L53 and D53
• LTO Ultrium 8 cartridge capacity of up to 240 PB per library (up to 600 PB with 2.5 to 1 compression)

TS1080 Model F8A can be installed in new or installed TS3500 Tape Library models L53, D53, L52, and D52.

**Key prerequisites**

Appropriate levels of host and drive software are required to attach TS1080 Model F8A to a wide range of environments, including select IBM Power Systems™, IBM System p, other servers running Linux® and Microsoft® Windows® operating system environments that support Fibre Channel interfaces.

See the [Technical information](#) section for details.

**Planned availability date**

November 17, 2017

**Description**

IBM TS1080 Model F8A is an IBM LTO Ultrium 8 Tape Drive designed for the heavy demands of backup and archive tape storage. TS1080 Model F8A is designed to be mounted in a TS3500 tape library and has an 8 Gbps Fibre Channel dual-ported interface for attachment to a wide range of environments, including select IBM Power Systems, IBM System p, and other servers running Linux and Microsoft Windows operating system environments.

These TS1080 models incorporate seventh-generation IBM LTO Ultrium technology. They offer the following features:

- **Increased performance:** Maximum tape drive throughput native data rate performance of up to 360 MBps for FH tape drives. Data tracks are written 32 at a time. IBM LTO 8 tape drives can read and write LTO Ultrium 7 data cartridges at Ultrium 7 capacities and rates.
  
  **Note:** Although Ultrium 8 tape drives provide the capability for excellent tape performance, other components of the system may limit the actual performance achieved. Although the compression technology used in the tape drive can typically compress 2.5 times the amount of data that can be stored on the media, the actual degree of compression achieved is highly sensitive to the characteristics of the data being compressed.

- **Increased tape cartridge capacity:** LTO generation 8 media specification tape cartridge physical capacity is up to 30 TB compressed physical capacity, double the capacity of Ultrium 7 data cartridges. This is achieved by increasing the linear and track density. IBM Ultrium 8 tape is an advanced Barium Ferrite tape developed to help deliver durability and increased capacity.

- **Encryption:** The IBM TS1080 LTO Ultrium 8 Tape Drive supports data encryption on the base drive with Ultrium 8 or Ultrium 7 media. Library-managed encryption...
and associated IBM Security Key Lifecycle Manager access are all available as a chargeable licensed key (feature 1604, LTO Lib Encryption) under the TS3500 tape library L-frames. IBM Security Key Lifecycle Manager V1.0 is required with this feature.

- **Attachment options:** TS1080 tape drives come with 8 Gbps Fibre Channel dual-ported attachment models for connection to a wide spectrum of open system servers. They are supported on a wide range of environments including select IBM Power Systems, IBM System p, and other servers running Linux and Microsoft Windows operating system environments.

- **WORM media support:** LTO generation 8 media specification delivers up to 12 TB native capacity, up to 30 TB in compressed mode, and up to 360 Mbps native data rate for FH tape drives. IBM 3589 Ultrium 8 WORM tape cartridges are designed for archiving and data retention applications, as well as those applications requiring an audit trail. These cartridges work with the IBM LTO Ultrium 8 Tape Drive to help prevent the alteration or deletion of user data. IBM LTO 8 WORM tape cartridges can be ordered as unique 3589 models with the following features:
  - Color coding and prelabeling with the ability to specify a starting volume serial number
  - Packaging that comes in individual jewel cases or in bulk
  - Cartridge memory, built into every cartridge, enhances functionality and media reliability by storing access history and media performance information for use by the tape drive every time the cartridge is accessed
  - Half-inch particle tape delivers up to 30 TB WORM compressed capacity in a single cartridge

- **Internal data buffer:** There is a 1.0 GB internal data buffer in the Ultrium 8 Tape Drive.

- **Digital speed matching:** The Ultrium 8 Tape Drive is designed to perform dynamic speed matching (at one of twelve speeds: 360.0, 341.0, 318, 306.4, 273.0, 249.5, 226.0, 203.0, 180.0, 157.5, 135.0, or 112.0 MBps) to adjust the drive's native data rate as closely as possible to the net host data rate after data compressibility has been factored out. This helps reduce the number of backhitch repositions and improve throughput performance. Speed matching on Ultrium 8 ranges from 112 to 360 MBps.

- **New head technology:** LTO 8 has a tunneling magnetoresistive (TMR) head technology for the first time in LTO drives.

- **Dual-stage 32-channel head skew actuator:** Comes with a high-bandwidth, dual-stage actuator that is designed to provide precision head alignment to help support higher track density and improved data integrity. The track following skew actuator supports flangeless tape guide rollers and dynamic skew to enable the head to follow skew tape motion and improve linear actuation.

- **Power management:** The Ultrium 8 tape drive power management function is designed to control the drive electronics to be either completely turned off or in a low-power mode when the circuit functions are not needed for drive operation.

- **IBM Linear Tape File System™ (LTFS) partitioning support:** The principal function of media partitioning is to enable faster data access by splitting the cartridge into two media partitions. LTFS media partitioning is supported in the TS1080 Tape Drive, and IBM Spectrum Archive Enterprise Edition will be supported in the TS4500 tape library. WORM media can also be partitioned.

IBM LTFS software leverages LTO8 tape partitioning. It is designed to enable a self-describing tape file format and to deliver an easy tape storage and distribution solution without the use of additional database applications. Customers of IBM LTFS software are those who require a standard tape cartridge format at a low cost and will use standalone IBM LTO8 tape drives. IBM LTFS is the perfect solution for those in the media and entertainment industry, and other fields that need massive data storage on tape for long retention periods, such as banking, scientific research, and government sectors. For further information and list of supported operating systems, go to the LTFS website.

IBM maintains the latest levels of Storage tape drive and library device drivers and documentation on the Internet. Utilize the Fix Central download portal.
There are several menus to navigate to the correct download as follows:

1. On the first menu item Click **Select Product > Product Group > System Storage**
2. Expand **Select from System Storage > Tape Systems**
3. Expand **Select from Tape systems > Tape drivers and software**
4. Expand **Select from Tape drivers and software > user product**
5. Expand **Platform > user operating system**
6. Click **Continue** to view what drivers are available

See the **IBM Tape Device Drivers Installation and User's Guide** website.

The following IBM LTO Ultrium features are included in the IBM LTO Ultrium 8 Tape Drive:

- **Positive pin retention and independent tape loader and threadium motors:** These are designed to help improve the reliability of loading and unloading a cartridge, and to retain the pin even if tension is dropped. An independent loader motor, coupled with the positive pin retention, is designed to cause the tape to thread with a higher level of reliability.

- **Gracious dynamic braking:** In the event of power failure, reel motors are designed to maintain tension and gradually decelerate instead of stopping abruptly, helping reduce tape breakage, stretching, or loose tape wraps during a sudden power outage.

- **Servo and track layout technology:** There are 6,656 data tracks in Ultrium 8. The high-bandwidth servo system features a low-mass servo to help more effectively track servo bands and improve data throughput with damaged media in less-than-optimal shock and vibration environments.

- **Surface Control Guiding Mechanism:** The patented Surface Control Guiding Mechanism from IBM is designed to guide the tape along the tape path in the Ultrium 8, 7, and 6 tape drives. This method uses the surface of the tape, rather than the edges, to control tape motion, helping to reduce tape damage (especially to the edges of the tape) and tape debris, which comes from the damaged edges and can accumulate in the head area.

- **Optimized robust drive components for automation environments:** Using some of the most robust components available, such as steel ball bearings in the loader, robust leader block design, and a single circuit card, helps to enhance reliability and prolong the life of drives.

- **Adaptive read equalization:** This feature is designed to automatically compensate for dynamic changes in readback signal response.

- **Dynamic amplitude asymmetry compensation:** This feature optimizes readback signals for linear readback response from MR read head transducers.

- **Separate writing of multiple filemarks:** This is designed to cause any write command of two or more filemarks to cause a separate data set to be written containing all filemarks after the first. This feature helps improve performance if a subsequent append overwrites somewhere after the first filemark.

- **LTO Data Compression (LTO-DC):** The Ultrium 8 uses LTO-DC, which is an implementation of a Lempel-Ziv class 1 (LZ-1) data compression algorithm. LTO-DC is an extension of Adaptive Lossless Data Compression (ALDC) and an improvement over previous IBM lossless compression algorithms. Scheme-Swapping compression, patented by IBM, is designed to look ahead at incoming data and determine the most efficient storage method (either ALDC or pass-thru mode) to help provide optimal data compression and increase data throughput. The compression ratio for LTO Ultrium 8 is 2.5 to 1.

- **LTO Cartridge Memory (LTO-CM):** Contained within the LTO Ultrium data cartridge is the LTO-CM, which is a passive, contactless silicon storage device that is part of the cartridge. The LTO-CM is designed to hold information about that specific cartridge, the media in the cartridge, and the data on the media. The storage capacity of the Generation 8 LTO-CM is 16320 bytes. Communication between the drive and the LTO-CM is via a low-level RF field transmitted by the drive to the cartridge.
• **Statistical Analysis and Reporting System (SARS):** The Ultrium 8 Tape Drive uses SARS to help isolate failures between media and hardware. SARS uses the cartridge performance history saved in the Cartridge Memory module and the drive performance history kept in the drive flash to help determine the most likely cause of failure. SARS is designed to cause the drive to request a cleaner tape, to mark the media as degraded, and to indicate that the hardware has degraded.

• **Highly integrated electronics using IBM-engineered copper technology:** This technology is designed to reduce the total number of components in the drive, help lower chip temperatures, and reduce power requirements to deliver a more reliable drive. The eighth-generation drive electronics are designed to provide error correction of soft errors in the memory arrays in data and control paths.

With support for LTO Ultrium-format tape data cartridges, TS1080 Model F8A with the TS3500 tape library can be a cost-effective solution for backup, save-and-restore, and archiving functions.

**Ultrium 8 data cartridges**

The physical compressed capacity of the LTO 8 data cartridges have doubled the capacity of IBM Ultrium 7 data cartridges with a capacity of up to 30 TB with 2.5 to 1 compression. IBM LTO Ultrium 8 tape drives can read and write Ultrium 7. IBM LTO 8 cartridges can be resident in the same TS3500 and TS4500 tape libraries with the Ultrium 7. IBM LTO 8 data cartridges can be ordered using IBM machine type 3589, IBM LTO Ultrium Tape Cartridges.

These cartridges have been designed to provide several enhancements over previous tape technologies and to work with tape drives that have increased tape speeds and high-density data recording. The case is specially designed for use in automated libraries and is designed for repeated, unattended handling.

Data cartridges are sold separately and subject to availability.

**TS3500 features and functions**

TS1080 Ultrium 8 tape drive is supported in TS3500 Tape Library models L53, D53, L52, and D52. Appropriate levels of host and drive software are required to attach the TS1080 to a wide range of environments, including select IBM Power Systems, IBM System p, and other servers running Linux and Microsoft Windows operating system environments that support Fibre Channel interfaces.

**Encryption**

LTO 5 and later LTO tape drives are encryption capable, which means they can convert data into a cipher that ensures data security.

A key is required to encrypt and decrypt the data. How a key is generated, maintained, controlled, and transmitted depends on the operating environment where the tape drive is installed. Some data management applications are capable of performing key management.

For an alternative solution, a key manager that works in conjunction with the keystore of your choice to perform all necessary key management tasks is offered. There is no recovery for lost encryption keys. See the **IBM Security Key Lifecycle Manager** (formerly Tivoli Key Lifecycle Manager) publications.

**Accessibility by people with disabilities**

A US Section 508 Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) containing details on accessibility compliance can be found on the **IBM Accessibility** website.

**Product positioning**
As you compare competitive tape solutions, consider:

- Capacity and performance requirements
- Data integrity and encryption, reliability, and availability
- Data partitioning, formatting, and management such as LTFS
- Storage usage and application requirements
- Affordability
- Loyalty to legacy or existing tape formats

TS1080 and its software applications are designed to address these requirements and deliver a functionally rich tape storage solution incorporating LTO Ultrium 8 tape drive technology.

TS1080 is an excellent choice if you use tape drives that require larger capacity or higher performance tape backup. TS1080 tape drives can be the answer to growing storage requirements and shrinking backup and archive windows.

The TS3500 Tape Library and IBM software applications excel in addressing these requirements and deliver a functionally rich tape storage solution incorporating LTO Ultrium and 3592 tape technology. You also gain flexibility of automated tape library management and unattended save, restore, and archive operations.

Depending on capacity requirements, a wide spectrum of tape libraries are available from the IBM Ultrium Tape family of products based on your storage usage and requirements. Lower capacity tape automation products to choose from include the IBM TS4300 tape libraries.

For high duty-cycle and start/stop intensive tape applications with mission-critical data protection and high-capacity requirements, consider the IBM TS1140, TS1150, TS1155, or 3592 tape drive with the IBM TS3500 and TS4500 tape library.

Reference information

For more information, see the following announcements:

- IBM TS3500 Tape Library, Hardware Announcement 106-320, dated May 09, 2006
- IBM TS1070 Tape Drive Model F7A, Hardware Announcement 115-133, dated October 6, 2015
- IBM TS1155 Tape Drive, Hardware Announcement 117-038, dated May 9, 2017
- IBM TS1150 Tape Drive models EH8 and E08, Hardware Announcement 114-165, dated October 6, 2014

For IBM statement on compliance with European Union Directive on Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (2002/95/EC) (RoHS), go to the IBM and the Environment website.

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**Business Partner information**

If you are a Direct Reseller - System Reseller acquiring products from IBM, you may link directly to Business Partner information for this announcement. A PartnerWorld ID and password are required (use IBMid).

BP Attachment for Announcement Letter 117-077

**Education support**

Call IBM IT Education Services at 800-IBM-TEACH (426-8322) for catalogs, schedules, and enrollments.

**Publications**

Information about TS1080 Model F8A is contained in the following TS3500 Tape Library publications. See the TS3500 documentation in IBM Knowledge Center.

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**Note:** With the addition of support for TS1155 and Ultrium 8 tape drives, the TS3500 library firmware no longer supports 3592-J1A, TS1120, Ultrium 1, Ultrium 2, or Ultrium 3 tape drives in the same library.

**Note:** All new IBM tape device drivers will be posted to the web through the Fix Central download portal. IBM maintains the latest levels of Storage tape drive and library device drivers and documentation on the Internet.

There are several menus to navigate to the correct download as follows:

1. On the first menu item Click **Select Product > Product Group > System Storage**(1)
2. Expand **Select from System Storage > Tape Systems**
3. Expand **Select from Tape systems > Tape drivers and software**
4. Expand **Select from Tape drivers and software > user product**
5. Expand **Platform > user operating system**
6. Click **Continue** to view what drivers are available

See the **IBM Tape Device Drivers Installation and User's Guide** website.

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The Publications Center is a worldwide central repository for IBM product publications and marketing material with a catalog of 70,000 items. Extensive search facilities are provided. A large number of publications are available online in various file formats, which can currently be downloaded.

National language support

Product publications will be available in English language on the day of announcement. Key product publications will be submitted to National Language Support for translation. When completed, translations will be available through country ordering systems and the Publications Center Portal. They will also be available at the website.

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Details on education offerings related to specific products can be found on the IBM authorized training website.

Technical information

Specified operating environment

Physical specifications

Height and length of LTO 8 tape drives:
• Width: 186 mm (7.3 in.)
• Depth: 460 mm (18.1 in.)
• Height: 93 mm (3.7 in.)
• Weight: 4.85 kg (10.7 lb)

**Operating environment**

Equipment environment specifications for IBM TS1080 tape drives:

• Temperature: 10°C to 40°C (50°F to 104°F)
• Relative humidity: 20% - 80% noncondensing
• Wet bulb temperature: 26°C (78.8°F) maximum
• Electrical power: 4.5 amps peak at 5 V DC, 4.0 amps peak at 12 V DC, 36 watts max continuous
• Noise level: 5.8 Bels operating

Equipment environment specifications for IBM TS3500 and TS4500 tape libraries:

• Temperature: 15°C to 32°C (60°F to 90°F)
• Relative humidity: 20% - 80% noncondensing
• Wet bulb temperature: 26°C (78.8°F) maximum
• Electrical power: 4.1 amps at 200-240 V AC, 1.1 kVA (max per frame)

TS3500 and TS4500 tape libraries are classified as a Category 1 product as defined in C- S 1-1710-006. The maximum noise level (operating/idle) in bels (at recommended ambient temperature) is 7.5 bels.

**Hardware requirements**

TS1080 Model F8A is designed for installation in TS3500 Tape Library model L53, D53, L52, or D52. Up to twelve TS1080 models can be installed in one of these frames for a total of up to 192 Ultrium tape drives in a 16-frame library. The TS1080 can be installed and intermixed within the same frame with other Ultrium 4, 5, 6, or 7 tape drives. With the addition of support for Ultrium 8 tape drives, the TS3500 library firmware no longer supports Ultrium 1, 2, or 3 tape drives in the same library.

TS1080 Model F8A has an 8 Gbps Fibre Channel interface that may attach in either fabric or arbitrated loop topology.

An LTO Fibre Drive Mounting Kit feature (#1514 or #1504) is required on a TS3500 Tape Library frame to install a TS1080. The TS1080 must be ordered separately and is designed for customer setup in the TS3500 Tape Library. When ordered with a new TS3500 coming from the plant, one of the following feature numbers should be specified:

• Feature number 9609 (3588 F8A/F8C Plant Install) should be specified on the TS1080, and the TS3500 Tape Library frame into which it will be installed, if it is going to be shipped with the TS3500 Tape Library frame
• Feature number 9610 (3588 F8A/F8C Field Install) should be specified on the TS1080 if it is going to be shipped for installation into an already installed TS3500 Tape Library frame

TS1080 Tape Drive Model F8A is designed for customer setup. However, if the customer desires assistance with the installation, feature number 1678, 3588 Drive Field Install Assist, can be ordered on the TS3500 frame (one feature for each drive that is needed).

Customer-owned TS1080, TS1070, TS1060, TS1050, TS1040, or TS1155 tape drives, or 3588 tape drives removed from a TS3500 library frame, can be installed in another TS3500 frame. An LTO Fibre Drive Mounting Kit feature (#1514 or #1504)
is required for installing a TS1080 or 3588 tape drive in a drive slot in a TS3500 Tape Library model L53, D53, L52, or D52 frame.

Labeled or bulk quantities of LTO Ultrium cartridges can be ordered using machine type 3589 or purchased through distributors. See the Supplies section for additional information.

A TS1080 Model F8A in the TS3500 Tape Library can be attached to a wide range of environments, including select IBM Power Systems, IBM System p, and other servers running Linux and Microsoft Windows operating system environments that support Fibre Channel interfaces.

A current list of supported open system configurations for Model F8A is available at the IBM System Storage Interoperation Center (SSIC) website.

Select the model, then Interoperability Matrix, and view the Supported Servers and Operating Systems for the product.

Cables

Cables are required to attach tape drives in the TS3500 tape library to each server connection, up to the number of tape drive attachments installed. A Fibre Channel cable should be specified on the TS3500 frame.

Fibre Channel cables

A Fibre Channel cable is required to attach a TS1080 in the TS3500 Tape Library through the standard Fibre Channel patch panel in the TS3500 Tape Library model L23 or L53 to host Fibre Channel adapters, the IBM 2109 SAN Fibre Switch, or other Fibre Channel components. The cable can be customer supplied or ordered with the TS3500 Tape Library in the lengths shown. The attaching Fibre Channel cable must be a 50.0/125 micrometer, short wavelength, fiber-optic cable for distances up to 500 meters. These tape drives come with LC Duplex connectors. One 2.0 meter LC-LC Fibre Channel drive-to-patch panel cable is included with each Fibre Mounting Kit (#1504). If additional cables are required, for example, to attach the second interface on a 3588 Model F8A Tape Drive, they can be ordered with feature number 1461 - Additional LC/LC Patch Panel Cable.

Features available for Fibre Channel cables, and their respective lengths, are available on the TS3500 frame, with the following feature numbers:

- Feature number AGK1 - 10 m OM3 fiber Cable (LC)
- Feature number AGK2 - 25 m OM3 fiber Cable (LC)
- Feature number AGK3 - 80 m OM3 fiber Cable (LC)

An interposer is available to connect a tape drive or server LC Duplex adapter to a SC Duplex cable by ordering the Interposer SC-LC Fibre feature (#5096). Refer to the Special Features section of the TS3500 or 3584 Tape Library Sales Manual for detailed descriptions of these features.

HBA support

For a current list of HBAs that support the TS1080 or TS3500, go to the IBM SSIC website.

Software requirements

LTO Ultrium or Enterprise tape drives in the TS3500 and TS4500 tape libraries

For the latest supported hardware interoperability configurations, see the IBM SSIC website.

The installation of a TS3500, TS4500, or 3584 tape library may require code updates for supported open systems device drivers or storage management software.
According to the SAPR Guide, the account team or IBM Business Partner should ensure that the customer checks the support levels required for their particular software environment prior to the installation of the TS1080. A Solutions Assurance call is required at a minimum for the installation of the first TS1080 in an account.

IBM Spectrum Protect™ and other industry-leading compatible software offerings provide storage and tape management software for the TS4500 (machine type 3584). Supporting software and applications must be obtained separately from IBM, IBM Business Partners, or ISVs. A list of compatible software is available from your IBM representative or at the IBM Tape Storage website.

See the IBM Tape Device Drivers Installation and User’s Guide website.

For a list of compatible software, operating systems, and servers for LTO tape drives, see the IBM Tape Storage website.

Under IBM TS3500 Tape Library or IBM TS4500 Tape Library, select Product details. Under Learn more, select Interoperability matrix or select ISV matrix for LTO.

For a list of compatible software, operating systems, and servers for 3588 tape drives, see the IBM Tape Storage website.

Under the appropriate tape drive, select Product details. Under Learn more, select Interoperability matrix or ISV matrix.

For complete IBM storage interoperability information, including operating systems, servers, switches, and adapters supported by the TS3500 and TS4500 tape library in a storage-area network (SAN) configuration, see the IBM SSIC website.

**Compatibility**

Only LTO 4 and later LTO tape drives are supported in the TS3500 tape library.

TS1080 tape drives can read and write LTO Ultrium 8 or 7 data cartridges. The LTO generation 8 media specification up to 30 TB compressed data cartridges can only be used on the new IBM LTO Ultrium 8 tape drives.

TS1080 Model F8A Tape Drive and LTO Ultrium 8 cartridges can be resident in the same TS3500 Tape Library with IBM LTO Ultrium 7 tape drives and cartridges, or with TS1130, TS1140, TS1150, TS1155, or 3592 tape drives and cartridges.

**Limitations**

- Although the compression technology can increase the amount of data stored on the media, the actual degree of compression achieved is highly sensitive to the characteristics of the data being compressed.
- Fibre Channel cable lengths are limited to 500 meters (1,650 ft).
- Although multiple systems may be attached to a tape drive, the systems cannot use the drive simultaneously.

For LTO Ultrium 8, 7, and 6, IBM Security Key Lifecycle Manager V1.0 or V2.0 is required for enabling library-managed encryption.

**Planning information**

**Customer responsibilities**

Physical planning is a customer responsibility. Detailed planning information is in the IBM TS3500 Tape Library Introduction and Planning Guide (GA32-0559). Current levels of the open systems device drivers should be obtained to ensure the TS1080 Model F8A is supported.

Customers are responsible for obtaining the appropriate adapters, cables, and interposers (if required) for system attachment. Customers are also responsible for ordering media.
You are responsible for downloading or obtaining from IBM, and installing designated Machine Code (microcode, basic input/output system code (called BIOS), utility programs, device drivers, and diagnostics delivered with an IBM machine) and other software updates in a timely manner from an IBM internet website or from other electronic media, and following the instructions that IBM provides. You may request IBM to install Machine Code changes; however, you may be charged for that service.

**Cable orders**

Cables are required to attach TS1080 Model F8A in the TS3500 Tape Library to each server connection (up to the number of tape drive attachments installed). See the **Cables** section under the **Hardware requirements** for a list of cables for the TS1080 Model F8A Tape Drive.

**Installability**

Installation time for each field-installed TS1080 tape drive in the TS3500 tape library is approximately 0.5 to 0.7 hours.

**Direct customer support**

Eligible customers can obtain installation and usage assistance through ASK Support using the search word 3584, 3588, TS3500, or TS1080.

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**Security, auditability, and control**

This product uses the security and auditability features of the host hardware, host software, and application software to which it is attached.

The customer is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communications facilities.

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One year.

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Service levels are response-time objectives and are not guaranteed. The specified level of warranty service may not be available in all worldwide locations. Additional charges may apply outside IBM's normal service area. Contact your local IBM representative or your reseller for country-specific and location-specific information.

On-site Service

IBM will repair the failing machine at your location and verify its operation. You must provide a suitable working area to allow disassembly and reassembly of the IBM machine. The area must be clean, well lit, and suitable for the purpose.

Service level is:
• 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 4 hour average, same day response.

Warranty service
IBM is now shipping machines with selected non-IBM parts that contain an IBM field replaceable unit (FRU) part number label. These parts are to be serviced during the IBM machine warranty period. IBM is covering the service on these selected non-IBM parts as an accommodation to their customers, and normal warranty service procedures for the IBM machine apply.

International Warranty Service
International Warranty Service allows you to relocate any machine that is eligible for International Warranty Service and receive continued warranty service in any country where the IBM machine is serviced. If you move your machine to a different country, you are required to report the machine information to your Business Partner or IBM representative.

The warranty service type and the service level provided in the servicing country may be different from that provided in the country in which the machine was purchased. Warranty service will be provided with the prevailing warranty service type and service level available for the eligible machine type in the servicing country, and the warranty period observed will be that of the country in which the machine was purchased.

The following types of information can be found on the International Warranty Service website

• Machine warranty entitlement and eligibility
• Directory of contacts by country with technical support contact information
• Announcement Letters

Warranty service upgrades
During the warranty period, warranty service upgrades provide an enhanced level of On-site Service for an additional charge. Service levels are response-time objectives and are not guaranteed. See the Warranty services section for additional details.

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Maintenance service options

On-site Service
IBM will repair the failing machine at your location and verify its operation. You must provide a suitable working area to allow disassembly and reassembly of the IBM machine. The area must be clean, well lit, and suitable for the purpose. The following on-site response-time objectives are available as warranty service upgrades for your machine. Available offerings are:

• 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 2 hour average response

Maintenance services
If required, IBM provides repair or exchange service depending on the types of maintenance service specified for the machine. IBM will attempt to resolve your problem over the telephone or electronically, via an IBM website. Certain machines contain remote support capabilities for direct problem reporting, remote problem determination, and resolution with IBM. You must follow the problem determination and resolution procedures that IBM specifies. Following problem determination,
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**On-site Service**

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Service levels are:

- 9 hours per day, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, next business day response
- 9 hours per day, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 4 hour average response
- 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 4 hour average response
- 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 2 hour average response

**Machine Exchange Service**

IBM will initiate shipment of a replacement machine to your location. You are responsible for its installation and verification of operation. You must pack the failed machine into the shipping container that contained the replacement machine and return the failed machine to IBM. Transportation charges, both ways, are paid by IBM. You may be charged for the replacement machine if IBM does not receive the failed machine within 15 days of your receipt of the replacement.

**Non-IBM parts service**

Under certain conditions, IBM provides services for selected non-IBM parts at no additional charge for machines that are covered under warranty service upgrades or maintenance services.

This service includes hardware problem determination (PD) on the non-IBM parts (for example, adapter cards, PCMCIA cards, disk drives, memory) installed within IBM machines and provides the labor to replace the failing parts at no additional charge.

If IBM has a Technical Service Agreement with the manufacturer of the failing part, or if the failing part is an accommodations part (a part with an IBM FRU label), IBM may also source and replace the failing part at no additional charge. For all other non-IBM parts, customers are responsible for sourcing the parts. Installation labor is provided at no additional charge, if the machine is covered under a warranty service upgrade or a maintenance service.

**Usage plan machine**

No

**IBM hourly service rate classification**

Two

When a type of service involves the exchange of a machine part, the replacement may not be new, but will be in good working order.

**General terms and conditions**

**Field-installable features**
Yes

Model conversions
No

Machine installation
Customer setup. Customers are responsible for installation according to the instructions IBM provides with the machine.

Graduated program license charges apply
No

Licensed Internal Code and Licensed Machine Code
This product does not contain Licensed Internal Code or Licensed Machine Code.

Educational allowance
A reduced charge is available to qualified education customers. The educational allowance may not be added to any other discount or allowance.

The educational allowance is 15% for the products in this announcement.

Prices

For additional information and current prices, contact your local IBM representative.

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9610 | D53 | Both | Y | N | N

*Install type:
- "Plant" denotes plant installation only
- "Field" denotes field installation only
- "Both" denotes both plant and field installation

CSU = Customer setup

**Alternative service**

**Machine type-model** | **IOR IBM Same day On-site Repair (IOR, 24 x 7)**
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3588-F8A | 

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**Corrections**

*(Corrected on November 6, 2017)*

A statement about data cartridge availability was added to the Description section.