



Requirements for Master Tapes

If we are creating your final master tape, you must fulfill the following specifications:

- The program must be ready to air
 1. Check tape specifications provided by the presenting network.
 2. Understand that CaptionMax clones/dubs your master straight across. We are not responsible for off-spec masters.
 3. Do NOT send us the only copy of your original master; send us a clone or a dub. We are not responsible for damage or loss during shipping.
 4. CaptionMax does not provide technical evaluations. If your presenting network requires a completed technical evaluation form, please include it with your master and we will forward it with the captioned master.
 5. We are not equipped to fix off-spec masters. When necessary, we will request a fixed master.
- Have locked picture, audio, and supers
- Free of hits and distortion
- Bars and tone that match program video and audio
- SMPTE drop frame timecode if for broadcast. If your master is NTSC non-drop frame, please indicate on label. We do not accept PAL masters at this time.
- Continuous LTC (longitudinal time code) on the timecode (address) track
- VITC on lines indicated by the network (generally 14 & 16 or 16 & 18)

Suggested Audio Mix

Mono audio mix:

- Track 1 = primary program audio
- Track 2 = duplicate mono audio

Stereo audio mix:

- Track 1 = left channel stereo
- Track 2 = right channel stereo

Master Tape Formats We Recommend:

NTSC Standard Definition Formats:

Digital Betacam
Betacam SP
DVCAM
miniDV
DVCPRO
DVCPRO 50

ATSC High Definition Formats:

DVCPROHD - LP
HDCAM
HDCAM SR 4:2:2
(at this time we do not work with 4:4:4)

*Other formats may incur additional fees and time.
Speak to your project manager.*

Ship all materials to:

Attention: PROJECT MANAGER

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If you do not have a project manager yet,
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