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## Retrospect: Error 206 (media failure) (8/93)

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TOPIC -----

Recently I have been involved with a network backup problem involving AppleShare 2.0, Retrospect, and different backup drives: PL/I, and Mac Warehouse DAT (Digital Audio Tape) drives with different tapes. Retrospect reported an error 206 which indicates a media failure.

Will the Apple DAT (Digital Audio Tape) drive work with Retrospect?

DISCUSSION -----

Yes, the Apple DAT (Digital Audio Tape) drive will work with Retrospect.

Error 206 (media failure) is reported when there is trouble reading from or writing to the media. This error is always generated by the backup device, and is usually due to one of four causes:

- The media is physically defective and needs to be replaced. Try using a different tape or cartridge.
- Another SCSI device is causing interference. If you have a DAT drive immediately next to a Seagate hard disk, try moving the DAT drive to a point further away on the SCSI bus. Try removing one or more devices temporarily to see if there is some other device conflict.
- The heads on the tape drive are dirty and need to be cleaned. Consult the manual that came with your tape drive or contact the drive manufacturer for cleaning recommendations.
- The tape device is failing. Contact the manufacturer.

For further information on working with Retrospect and Retrospect A/UX, search the Tech Info Library by "Retrospect" or "Remote."

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