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Your Apple Tape Backup 40SC unit requires very little maintenance. To clean the outside of the tape back up unit, just wipe it with a soft, damp cloth. To remove stains or dirt, add a drop of liquid detergent to the cloth and wipe the surface of the tape backup device.

It's time to clean the tape recording head when its surface looks dull (you can check this with a flashlight) or when it takes longer than normal to restore files or a volume from the tape backup unit. While similar to the heads on a hard disk, the ferrite-ceramic head of the tape unit may be cleaned as the heads are cleaned on a audio tape player or VCR. To remove debris and materials rubbed off from the tape surface, clean the head with a cotton swab soaked in isopropyl alcohol.

Caution: Never clean the head with a head cleaner that contains active or abrasive ingredients.

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