

1 Beyond™ ThunderTape™ 2

External LTO Storage Solution for Macintosh

Featuring Thunderbolt-connected LTO-6 Drive with Second Device Option

The 1 Beyond ThunderTape 2 external LTO storage solution for Macintosh features two devices in one appliance for maximum functionality. With a Thunderbolt-connected LTO-6 drive plus a second device option, this appliance is the company's latest addition to its family of LTO archive solutions and is ideal for the entry-level Macintosh user or small post-facility wanting a simple way to connect a tape drive to an existing Macintosh for the most cost-effective LTO backup solution.



The 1 Beyond ThunderTape 2 succeeds the single LTO drive 1 Beyond ThunderTape introduced as the first Thunderbolt LTO tape drive for Macintosh. By working with customers with different workflow requirements, 1 Beyond learned that most customers wanted more than a single LTO drive and therefore developed the ThunderTape 2 follow-on. Mac users with even more expansion needs can upgrade to the recently-announced 1 Beyond ThunderMAX expansion chassis.

Base Configuration

- Connects via Thunderbolt 2 to any Mac with Thunderbolt port
- Includes a single LTO-6 drive
- Empty bay for an additional device when shipped or later as requirements dictate
- LTFS drivers and simple copy utility optimized for browsing and copying files to/from LTO tape which overcomes the Finder limitation with LTO/LTFS tape
- All metal, rugged portable chassis with a convenient handle on top

Configuration Choices for Second Bay

- Second LTO drive, either LTO-5 or LTO-6
- 4TB SAS high performance disk
- 1 Beyond GoHDCart removable disk cartridge (HDD or SSD)
- Up to four 2.5" SSD or HDD configured in OS X as a RAID for fast performance

The 1 Beyond ThunderTape 2 with an LTO-6 drive is \$3895 complete. Additional drive or storage is priced separately. 1 Beyond provides workflow consulting to all who inquire about LTO and will recommend appropriate software for customer requirements including archive software (Imagine Products PreRollPost), asset management software (e.g. CatDV or Axle) and on-set backup (e.g. YoYottaID).

Advantages of Second LTO

- Parallel copy to two tapes in one pass which saves time when wanting duplicate tapes.
- Simultaneous reading from one tape drive while writing to another which enables a facility to retrieve from tape while continuing backup jobs.
- Migration from one LTO generation to another by putting tape drives of different generations in the two slots for maximum range of tape formats that can be read/written.

Uses for Additional Storage

- Extra storage to work from and archive to as no one ever has enough storage.
- Archiving across a network with the ThunderTape 2 as a repository for files to be archived. Note, an LTO drive alone cannot be "shared".
- Removable drive option for on-set DITs to backup to tape and hard drive and give both to the client.

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