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**CIPHER 920 MAG TAPE SUBSYSTEMS**

Because of a design deficiency within the Cipher Model 920 tape drive, daisy chaining two or more 920 drives is **not recommended** with any Zetaco tape coupler (Models TC-133, BMX-2, ZDF-1). Tape subsystems using only one Cipher 920 drive are acceptable.

If multiple Cipher 920 drives are used, excessive write parity errors will result when copying an 800 bpi tape from one unit to 1600 bpi on a second unit. (Note that copying 800 to 800, 1600 to 1600, or 1600 to 800 is okay).

We are working with Cipher to resolve this design deficiency, and will update you periodically.

Until Cipher corrects the problem, Zetaco has developed a 'work around' plan, which involves a small amount of rework to the Cipher 100-pin-to-dual-50-pin adaptor board. Please contact Zetaco's Customer Support Team for details of this rework.