

**Quantum DLT 8000 End of Life Technical Service Bulletin**

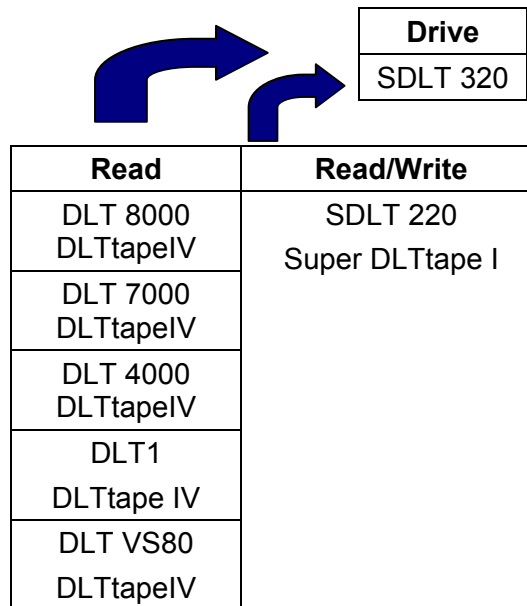
**DLT 8000**

Quantum recently issued an end-of-life notification on the DLT 8000 tape drive. (You can view the notification at <http://www.quantum.com/am/products/dlt/dlt8000/default.htm>.) Although Quantum has announced the end-of-life for the DLT 8000, in all likelihood you may still be able to purchase this drive for a short period of time through some of the reseller channels.

**Migration Path**

Quantum offers many DLT tape drive options. In particular, the SDLT 320 offers backward read compatibility to the DLTtape IV media that is currently supported with the DLT 8000 drive. In addition, the SDLT 320 uses the same Super DLTtape I cartridges as the SDLT 220. However, the SDLT 320 is not backward read compatible with DLTtape II or DLTtape III, and they will need to be converted to at least type IV tape in order to be used with the SDLT320 drive.

DCA is working to verify that all of our supported products that currently use the DLT 8000 will support this drive so that customers receiving orders on the DLTtape IV media can still transfer this media for job production. The following diagram shows the read/write support for the SDLT 320 drive.





## Alternative Options for Archiving to DLT 8000 – DDP Pro

DDP Pro is DCA's full feature transfer and verification product for Windows XP. With DDP Pro, you can transfer content from DLT tape to File or another SCSI tape device, such as the Super DLT320. During the transfer, the HCRC is calculated, DDP validated, and metadata associated to the job. Copy protection keys are also saved in the output directory.

DDP Pro also optionally supports output to recordable media, whether CD-R/RW, DVD-R/RW or DVD+R/RW. This feature allows you to remove tape media completely and instead store content and all related metadata as an archive with all the necessary material for it to be mastered at a future date.

For more information on how DDP Pro can reduce your dependencies on DLT tape, contact your DCA sales center listed below.

## Technical Support

Please contact your regional technical support center listed below if you have any questions regarding the nature of this technical service bulletin. Support for the SDLT320 is pending final outcome of drive compatibility with current DCA products and subject to change.