

About completing a tape

Use the **Medium Complete** operation to set a tape to read-only.

This is useful when:

- You have encountered errors reading from or writing to the tape
- You have written particular archives to the tape and do not wish to use it anymore
- The tape is almost full

Note: Media Manager automatically completes tapes when the remaining free space drops below 2.5 percent of the native capacity.

A completed tape can no longer be used for new archive tasks, although it is still available for retrieve tasks.

Performing a Medium Complete operation sets the state of the tape to **Complete** in Removable Storage. Removable Storage Manager uses the same icon for the **Complete** state as for the **Disabled** state:  000001. You can tell the difference between the two states by looking at the **State** column in Removable Storage Manager or the **Partition State** column in the Media Manager **Media** pane.