# Dealing With Barcodes Longer Than 10 Characters In Length

TapeTrack has a Volume-ID limit of 10 characters in length. Any volumes with an ID longer than 10 characters must be modified to fit within this criteria.

There are several ways in which can be achieved, such as truncation, translation or hashing.

### **Truncation**

Truncating a barcode, or volume-ID, involves trimming off the start or end down to 10 or fewer characters.

Truncating a barcode can be achieved by several different methods.

#### **Truncation Via The Scan In Window**

Barcodes can be truncated via the TapeTrack Scan window in TapeMaster, Lite and Checkpoint.

Information on truncating a barcode via the scan window can be found here.

#### **Truncation Via Media Properties In TapeMaster**

Truncation of a barcode by removing the suffix (eg removing L6 from 1234567890L6) can be achieved by setting the Remove Suffix option in the media properties via TapeMaster.

Truncating a barcode via the media properties tab. Adding L6 in the Remove Suffix field will remove L6 from any matching volume-ID (eg removing L6 from 1234567890L6) regardless of barcode length.

Adding L\* will remove any 2 digit suffix from the volume-ID that starts with L (eg 123456L6 will truncate to 123456, 1000000001L3 will truncate to 1000000001)

## **Translation**

Translating a barcode, or volume-ID, involves swapping a recognisable pattern for an alternate value within the 10 character limit.

# **Hashing**

Hashing a barcode, or volume-ID, involves replacing the barcode with its 8 character hashed value,

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preceded by the value #- to allow identification.

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