## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

### SLIDABLE TAPE DRIVE ASSEMBLY

A cartridge tape drive assembly (10) for use wih a cartridge tape, (12) includes a housing (20) having an opening to receive the cartridge tape, and a slidable tape drive (14) and mounting assembly for adjusting the position of the cartridge tape inwardly while in the tape drive and outwardly for removal of the cartridge tape. The housing includes a support tray (24) having elongated apertures for joining the tape drive to the support tray and allowing the tape drive to move inwardly and outwardly relative to the support tray. The slidable tape drive and mounting assembly includes a connector (36) for joining the tape drive along the elongated apertures, and a latch device (48) for adjusting the position of the tape drive along the elongated apertures. The cartridge is in operative engagement in the tape drive, i.e., in operative engagement with a magnetic head in the tape drive, during the inward and outward movement.

Figure 8

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