

ABSTRACT

A TAPE END DETECTING DEVICE

A tape end detecting device for detecting the end of
5 the tape enclosed within a cassette includes a light
emitting element (25) for generating a light pulse signal,
a pair of light receiving elements (26A, 26B), light guide
means comprising a central prism (27) and a pair of side
prisms (31, 32) disposed at opposite sides of said cassette
10 loaded-in position, and a tape end signal generating
circuit for generating a tape end detecting signal only
when it receives the light pulse signal. The tape end
detecting device operates to generate an output upon
receipt of the light signal, but does not generate when the
15 light coming from outside is received.

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