

ILS Guide: Z39.50 Searches; VIP for Horizon and III



Search Midwest Tape via Z39.50

Midwest Tape has developed a Z39.50 interface that allows you to perform Midwest Tape inventory searches within any Z39.50-compliant software, including most library asset management systems.

Connection Settings

Our Z39.50 server is located at z39.midwesttapes.com, running on the standard port of Z39.50 servers: port 210. The database name is Products.

Note: This name is case-sensitive; enter the name directly as it is listed here.

Set your software to provide your valid Midwest Tape username and password to our Z39.50 server.

Supported Search Fields

Because the standard Bib-1 attribute set doesn't map well to the video materials in our Products database, we support only a subset of the full Bib-1 attribute set:

- ISBN—attribute 7
- UPC—attribute 1007
- Title—attribute 4 or 1016
- Stock number—attribute 8001
- Media—attribute 8002
- OCLC number—attribute 1211
- Publisher—attribute 1018
- Year—attribute 30 or 31

Other Search Attributes

- We support standard Z39.50 relation values 1–6.
- The position attribute can be 1–3.
- We do not acknowledge the structure attribute.
- The right truncation attribute should be 1.
- The completion attribute should be 2 or 3.

Search Results

Search results are returned in MARC 21 (OID 1.2.840.10003.5.10) format. You can sort results with your Z39.50-compliant software.

VIP for Horizon ILS Systems

Through our partnership with SirsiDynix, the Horizon VIP service works with Midwest Tape's online catalog.

To set up SirsiDynix Horizon VIP web service with Midwest Tape, you will need to enter the following information into your Integrated Library System:

1. For Vendor Service URL, enter: <http://webservices.midwesttapes.com/services/BookInfoService>
2. For Login Name and Login Password, enter your valid Midwest Tape username and password.

VIP Configuration	<input type="text" value="mwt"/>
Description	<input type="text" value="Midwest Tape"/>
Vendor Service URL	<input type="text" value="URL = http://webservices.midwesttapes.com/services/BookInfoService"/>
Login name	<input type="text" value="miriam.moses@bpl.org"/>
Login password	<input type="password"/>
Customer account	<input type="radio"/> None <input checked="" type="radio"/> Account number <input type="radio"/> SAN / SAN suffix

VIP for III InventoryExpress Systems

Through our partnership with III, the InventoryExpress service works with Midwest Tape's online catalog.

To set up InventoryExpress web service with Midwest Tape, you will need to enter the following information into your Integrated Library System:

1. For Vendor Service URL, enter:
<http://webservices.midwesttapes.com/services/InventoryExpGenericService>
2. For Login Name and Login Password, enter your valid Midwest Tape username and password.

Questions?

For information or questions regarding your ILS, please contact Customer Service at 800-875-2785 or via email at info@midwesttapes.com.