

- Whenever the rectangular, green Cartridge-status LED flashes during operation.
- **Note:** A slowly flashing green LED may indicate that a tape is damaged or is nearing the end of its life. If cleaning the head does not correct the flashing LED condition, replace the cartridge. The slowly flashing LED does not indicate a loss of data, nor does it indicate SCSI problems.

To clean the tape heads on your DAT drive, use only a Seagate-qualified DDS DAT cleaning cartridge designed for DAT drives. Seagate offers a cleaning cartridge, Model 91301, which you can order from Seagate Express.

After you insert the cleaning cartridge, the drive detects that the cartridge is a cleaning cartridge, then loads and runs the cartridge for about 30 seconds. When cleaning is complete, the drive ejects the cartridge.

Each time the cleaning cartridge is loaded, a new, unused portion of cleaning tape is advanced over the entire tape path. The drive does not rewind a cleaning cartridge. After about 30 cleaning cycles the entire tape is used up and you must purchase a new cleaning cartridge.

If you insert a cleaning tape that has been used up, the drive ejects the tape without completing a cleaning operation. This process takes just under 25 seconds.

- **Note:** Do not use an audio DAT cleaning cartridge. The drive cannot recognize it.

LED codes

As shown in Figure 12 on the following page, the front panel of Seagate DAT drives contains two rectangular lights (LEDs). These two indicators provide information about both normal and error conditions. The yellow rectangular LED indicates the condition of the tape drive. The green LED indicates the condition of the tape cartridge.