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SFF-8054 Specification for

Automation Drive Interface Connector

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Abstract: This specification defines the ADI (Automation Drive Interface) cable to board connectors.

This specification provides a common specification for systems manufacturers, system integrators, and suppliers of removable medium drives and medium changers. This is an internal working specification of the SFF Committee, an industry ad hoc group.

This specification is made available for public review, and written comments are solicited from readers. Comments received by the members will be considered for inclusion in future revisions of this specification.

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Foreword

When 2 1/2" diameter disk drives were introduced, there was no commonality on external dimensions e.g. physical size, mounting locations, connector type, connector location, between vendors.

The first use of these disk drives was in specific applications such as laptop portable computers in which space was at a premium and time to market with the latest machine was an important factor. System integrators worked individually with vendors to develop the packaging. The result was wide diversity, and with space being such a major consideration in packaging, it was not possible to replace one vendor's drive with a competitive product.

The desire to reduce disk drive sizes to even smaller dimensions such as 1.8" and 1.3" made it likely that devices would become even more constrained in dimensions because of a possibility that such small devices could be inserted into a socket, not unlike the method of retaining semiconductor devices.

The problems faced by integrators, device suppliers, and component suppliers led to the formation of an industry ad hoc group to address the marketing and engineering considerations of the emerging new technology in disk drives. After two informal gatherings on the subject in the summer of 1990, the SFF Committee held its first meeting in August.

During the development of the form factor definitions, other activities were suggested because participants in the SFF Committee faced problems other than the physical form factors of disk drives. In November 1992, the members approved an expansion in charter to address any issues of general interest and concern to the storage industry. The SFF Committee became a forum for resolving industry issues that are either not addressed by the standards process or need an immediate solution.

At the same time, the principle was adopted of restricting the scope of an SFF project to a narrow area, so that the majority of specifications would be small and the projects could be completed in a rapid timeframe. If proposals are made by a number of contributors, the participating members select the best concepts and uses them to develop specifications which address specific issues in emerging storage markets.

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Suggestions for improvement of this specification will be welcome. They should be sent to the SFF Committee, 14426 Black Walnut Ct, Saratoga, CA 95070.

The development work on this specification was done by the SFF Committee, an industry group. The membership of the committee since its formation in 1990 has included a mix of companies which are leaders across the industry.

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Automation Drive Interface Connector

1. Scope

This document defines the interface for a composite connector set for serial signals. This connector set is intended for internal use with Automation/Drive Interface – Transport Protocol systems. The connector set is referred to as the ADI Connector

The SFF Committee was formed in August, 1990 to broaden the applications for storage devices, and is an ad hoc industry group of companies representing system integrators, peripheral suppliers, and component suppliers.

Media changer (automation) devices use a private communication link for monitoring and controlling the removable medium devices (drives) installed in them. The INCITS T10 Automation/Drive Interface – Transport Protocol (ADT) standard specifies a protocol and physical layer for transporting commands, data, and status between automation devices and the drives. The ADI connector is intended to be used in the removable medium device (typically a tape drive) for connection of the cable to the automation device. The connector may also be used in the automation device for its end of the cable.

1.1 Description of Clauses

Clause 1 contains the Scope and Purpose.
Clause 2 contains Referenced and Related Standards and SFF Specifications.
Clause 3 contains the General Description.
Clause 4 contains the Connector Detail.

2. References

The SFF Committee activities support the requirements of the storage industry, and it is involved with several standards.

2.1 Industry Documents

The following interface standard is relevant to this SFF Specification.

T10/1557 Automation/Drive Interface - Transport Layer (ADT)

2.2 SFF Specifications

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Spec #	Rev	List of Specifications as of July 16, 2004
SFF-8000		SFF Committee Information
INF-8001i	E	44-pin ATA (AT Attachment) Pinouts for SFF Drives
INF-8002i	E	68-pin ATA (AT Attachment) for SFF Drives
SFF-8003	E	SCSI Pinouts for SFF Drives
SFF-8004	E	Small Form Factor 2.5" Drives
SFF-8005	E	Small Form Factor 1.8" Drives
SFF-8006	E	Small Form Factor 1.3" Drives
SFF-8007	E	2mm Connector Alternatives
SFF-8008	E	68-pin Embedded Interface for SFF Drives
SFF-8009	4.1	Unitized Connector for Cabled Drives
SFF-8010	E	Small Form Factor 15mm 1.8" Drives
INF-8011i	E	ATA Timing Extensions for Local Bus
SFF-8012	3.0	4-Pin Power Connector Dimensions
SFF-8013	E	ATA Download Microcode Command
SFF-8014	C	Unitized Connector for Rack Mounted Drives
SFF-8015	E	SCA Connector for Rack Mounted SFF SCSI Drives
SFF-8016	C	Small Form Factor 10mm 2.5" Drives
SFF-8017	E	SCSI Wiring Rules for Mixed Cable Plants
SFF-8018	E	ATA Low Power Modes
SFF-8019	E	Identify Drive Data for ATA Disks up to 8 GB
INF-8020i	E	ATA Packet Interface for CD-ROMs
SFF-8025	0.6	SFF Committee Specification Categories
INF-8028i	E	- Errata to SFF-8020 Rev 2.5
SFF-8029	E	- Errata to SFF-8020 Rev 1.2
SFF-8030	1.9	SFF Committee Charter
SFF-8031		Named Representatives of SFF Committee Members

SFF-8032	1.6	SFF Committee Principles of Operation
INF-8033i	E	Improved ATA Timing Extensions to 16.6 MBs
INF-8034i	E	High Speed Local Bus ATA Line Termination Issues
INF-8035i	E	Self-Monitoring, Analysis & Reporting Technology
INF-8036i	E	ATA Signal Integrity Issues
INF-8037i	E	Intel Small PCI SIG
INF-8038i	E	Intel Bus Master IDE ATA Specification
INF-8039i	E	Phoenix EDD (Enhanced Disk Drive) Specification
SFF-8040	1.2	25-pin Asynchronous SCSI Pinout
SFF-8041	C	SCA-2 Connector Backend Configurations
SFF-8042	C	VHDCI Connector Backend Configurations
SFF-8043	E	40-pin MicroSCSI Pinout
SFF-8045	4.5	40-pin SCA-2 Connector w/Parallel Selection
SFF-8046	E	80-pin SCA-2 Connector for SCSI Disk Drives
SFF-8047	C	40-pin SCA-2 Connector w/Serial Selection
SFF-8048	C	80-pin SCA-2 Connector w/Parallel ESI
SFF-8049	E	80-conductor ATA Cable Assembly
INF-8050i	1.0	Bootable CD-ROM
INF-8051i	E	Small Form Factor 3" Drives
INF-8052i	E	ATA Interface for 3" Removable Devices
SFF-8053	5.5	GBIC (Gigabit Interface Converter)
SFF-8054	0.2	Automation Drive Interface Connector
INF-8055i	E	SMART Application Guide for ATA Interface
SFF-8056	C	50-pin 2mm Connector
SFF-8057	E	Unitized ATA 2-plus Connector
SFF-8058	E	Unitized ATA 3-in-1 Connector
SFF-8059	E	40-pin ATA Connector
SFF-8060	1.1	SFF Committee Patent Policy
SFF-8061	E	Emailing drawings over the SFF Reflector
SFF-8062		Rolling Calendar of SSWGs and Plenaries
SFF-8064		Unshielded HD Cable/Board Connector System
SFF-8065	C	40-pin SCA-2 Connector w/High Voltage
SFF-8066	C	80-pin SCA-2 Connector w/High Voltage
SFF-8067	3.2	40-pin SCA-2 Connector w/Bidirectional ESI
INF-8068i	E	Guidelines to Import Drawings into SFF Specs
SFF-8069	E	Fax-Access Instructions
INF-8070i	1.3	ATAPI for Rewritable Removable Media
SFF-8072	1.2	80-pin SCA-2 for Fibre Channel Tape Applications
SFF-8073	C	20-pin SCA-2 for GBIC Applications
INF-8074i	1.0	SFP (Small Formfactor Pluggable) Transceiver
SFF-8075	1.0	PCI Card Version of SFP Cage
SFF-8076	-	SFP Additional IDs
INF-8077i	3.1	XFP (10 Gbs Small Form Factor Pluggable Module)
SFF-8078	C	XFP-E
SFF-8079	1.6	SFP Rate and Application Selection
SFF-8080	E	ATAPI for CD-Recordable Media
SFF-8082	3.1	Labeling of Ports and Cable Assemblies
SFF-8085	0.9	100 Mbs Small Formfactor Transceivers
SFF-8089	1.2	SFP Rate and Application Selection Values
INF-8090i	5.5	ATAPI for DVD (Digital Video Data)
SFF-8101	C	3 Gbs and 4 Gbs Signal Characteristics
SFF-8110	C	5V Parallel 1.8" drive form factor
SFF-8111	1.3	1.8" drive form factor (60x70mm)

SFF-8122		1.8" (60x70mm) w/SCA-2 Connector
SFF-8120	2.6	1.8" drive form factor (78x54mm)
SFF-8123	2.1	1.8" (60x70mm) w/Serial Attachment Connector
SFF-8200e	1.1	2 1/2" drive form factors (all of 82xx family)
SFF-8201	2.3	2 1/2" drive form factor dimensions
SFF-8212e	1.2	2 1/2" drive w/SFF-8001 44-pin ATA Connector
SFF-8221	3.5	Pre-Aligned 2.5" Drive >10mm Form Factor
SFF-8222	2.1	2.5" Drive w/SCA-2 Connector
SFF-8223	2.2	2.5" Drive w/Serial Attachment Connector
SFF-8225	C	2.5" Single Voltage Drive
SFF-8300	1.2	3 1/2" drive form factors (all of 83xx family)
SFF-8301	1.4	3 1/2" drive form factor dimensions
SFF-8302e	1.1	3 1/2" Cabled Connector locations
SFF-8323	1.3	3 1/2" drive w/Serial Attachment Connector
SFF-8332e	E	3 1/2" drive w/80-pin SFF-8015 SCA Connector
SFF-8337e	E	3 1/2" drive w/SCA-2 Connector
SFF-8342e	1.3	3 1/2" drive w/Serial Unitized Connector
INF-8350i	E	3 1/2" Packaged Drives
SFF-8400	C	VHDCI (Very High Density Cable Interconnect)
SFF-8410	16.1	High Speed Serial Testing for Copper Links
INF-8411	1.0	High Speed Serial Testing for Backplanes
SFF-8412	12.2	HSOI (High Speed Optical Interconnect) Testing
SFF-8415	4.1	HPEI (High Performance Electrical Interconnect)
SFF-8416	10.0	HPEI Bulk Cable Measurement/Performance Reqmnts
SFF-8420	11.1	HSSDC-1 Shielded Connections
SFF-8421	2.4	HSSDC-2 Shielded Connections
SFF-8422	C	FCI Shielded Connections
SFF-8423	C	Molex Shielded Connections
SFF-8424	0.5	Dual Row HSSDC-2 Shielded Connections
SFF-8425	1.4	Single Voltage 12V Drives
SFF-8426		HSSDC Double Width
SFF-8429		Signal Specification Architecture for HSS Links
SFF-8430	4.1	MT-RJ Duplex Optical Connections
SFF-8441	14.1	VHDCI Shielded Configurations
SFF-8451	10.1	SCA-2 Unshielded Connections
SFF-8452	3.1	Glitch Free Mating Connections for Multidrop Aps
SFF-8453		Shielded High Speed Serial connectors
SFF-8460	1.2	HSS Backplane Design Guidelines
SFF-8464		Improved MM HSS Optical Link Performance
SFF-8470	2.9	Multi Lane Copper Connector
SFF-8471	C	ZFP Multi Lane Copper Connector
SFF-8472	9.5	Diagnostic Monitoring Interface for Optical Xcvrs
INF-8475i	2.2	XPAK Small Formfactor Pluggable Receiver
SFF-8480	2.1	HSS (High Speed Serial) DB9 Connections
SFF-8482	1.4	Internal Serial Attachment Connector
SFF-8483	C	External Serial Attachment Connector
SFF-8484	0.4	Multi Lane Internal Serial Attachment Connector
SFF-8485	0.4	Serial GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output) Bus
SFF-8500e	1.1	5 1/4" drive form factors (all of 85xx family)
SFF-8501e	1.1	5 1/4" drive form factor dimensions
SFF-8508e	1.1	5 1/4" ATAPI CD-ROM w/audio connectors

SFF-8523	1.2	5 1/4" drive w/Serial Attachment Connector
SFF-8551	3.2	5 1/4" CD Drives form factor
SFF-8552	0.5	5 1/4" Slimline Optical Drive Form Factor
SFF-8572	C	5 1/4" Tape form factor
SFF-8610	C	SDX (Storage Device Architecture)

2.3 Sources

Copies of ANSI standards or proposed ANSI standards may be purchased from Global Engineering.

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3. General Description

This SFF specification defines a composite connector set for serial signals to be used in a removable medium device (e.g., a tape drive) installed in an automation device (e.g., tape library). The connectors are intended to be used to attach a cable from the automation device to the removable medium device. They may also be used to attach the cable to the automation device.

The physical dimensions of the connectors are defined herein; the signal names assigned to the pins, the electrical characteristics of the connectors, and the communications protocol used for communication through the connectors are beyond the scope of this standard. One possible specification of those attributes may be found in the INCITS/T10 ADT standard cited above.

4. Connector Detail

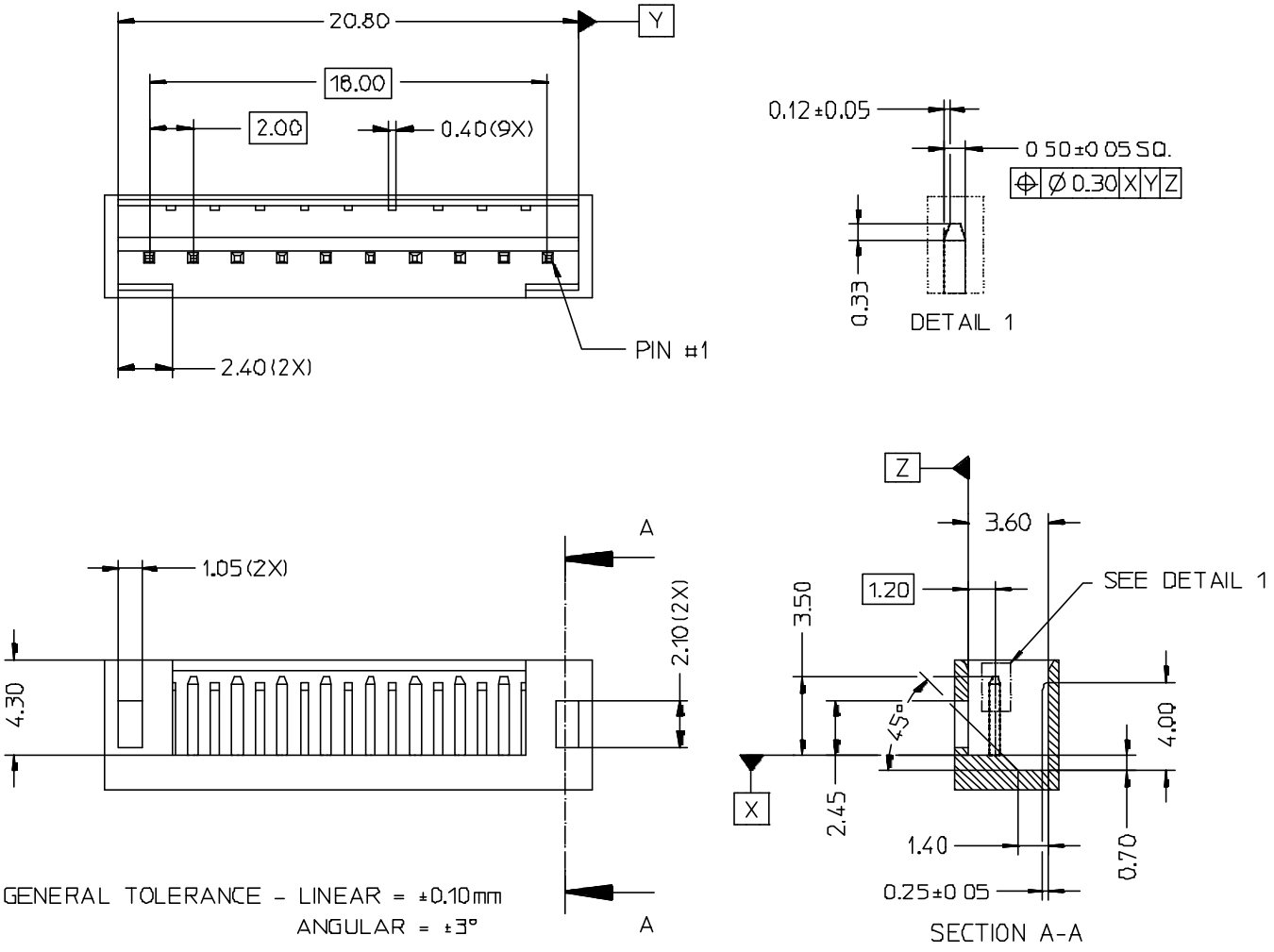
Two connectors are specified, a fixed board connector and a free cable connector.

4.1 ADI fixed board connector

The fixed board connector (see Figure 1) is intended to be attached to a circuit board in a removable medium device. It may also be used in the automation device containing the removable medium device.

The attachment of the connector to the circuit board (e.g., surface mount or through-hole) is beyond the scope of this standard. The location of the connector in a removable medium or automation device is beyond the scope of this standard.

Figure 1 – ADI fixed board connector



4.1 ADI free cable connector

The free cable connector is intended to mate with the fixed board connector. See Figure 2.

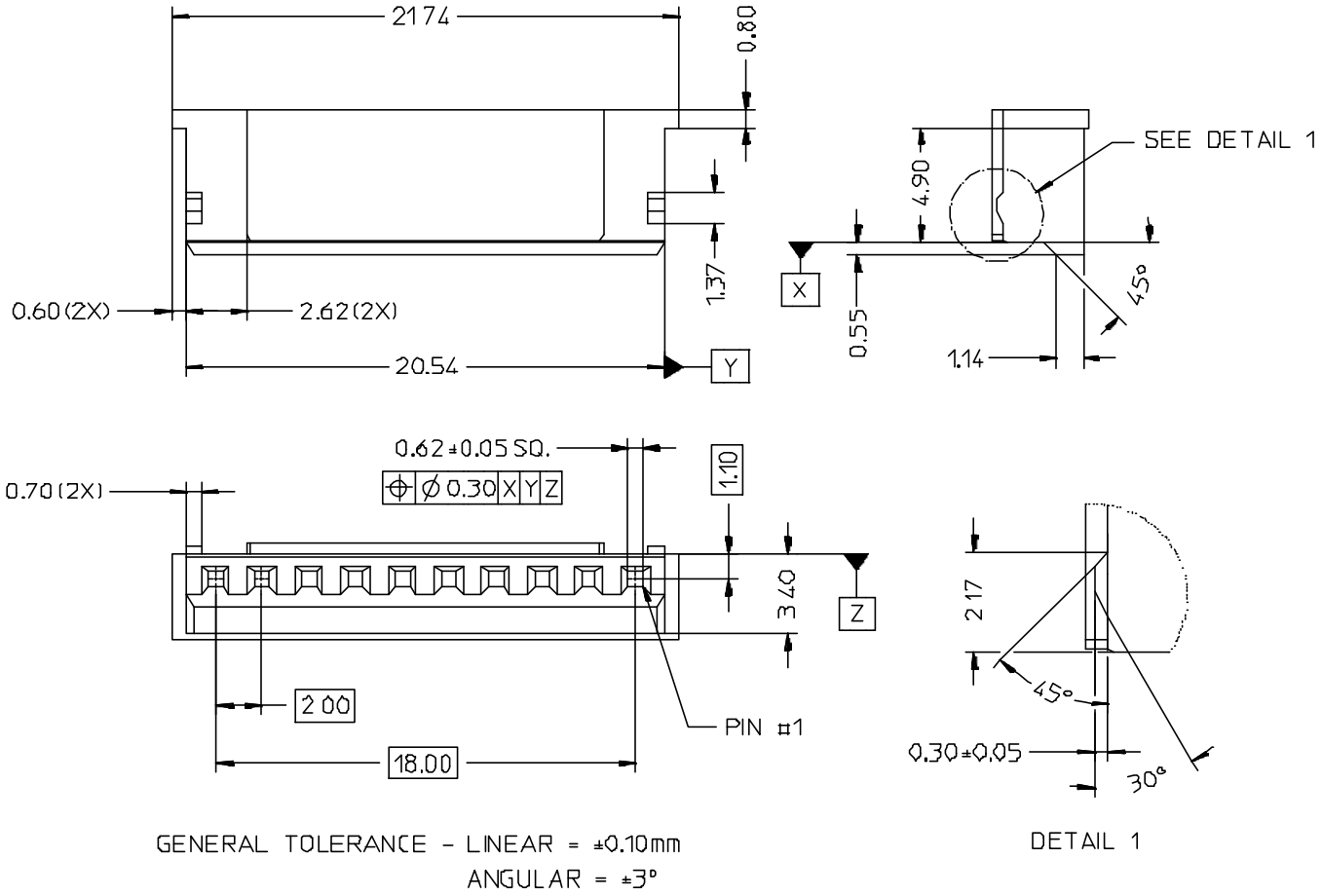


Figure 2 – ADI free cable connector

When the ADI free cable connector is used on both ends of a cable, like-numbered pins shall be connected together, i.e., pin 1 on end A is wired to pin 1 on end B, pin 2 on end A to pin 2 on end B, etc.