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SFF Committee
SFF-8673 Specification
for
Mini Multilane 4/8X 24 Gb/s Unshielded Connector (HD24un)

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Abstract: This specification defines the general performance requirements for the Mini Multilane connector, which is designed for use in high speed serial, interconnect applications at multi-gigabit speeds. This connector is popularly referred to as the Mini-SAS HD (High Density) Connector system.

There are multiple generations of this connector based on performance.

12 Gb/s SFF-8643
24 Gb/s SFF-8673

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

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Foreword

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

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

The first use of these disk drives was in specific applications such as laptop portable computers and system integrators worked individually with vendors to develop the packaging. The result was wide diversity, and incompatibility.

The problems faced by integrators, device suppliers, and component suppliers led to the formation of the SFF Committee as an industry ad hoc group to address the marketing and engineering considerations of the emerging new technology.

During the development of the form factor definitions, other activities were suggested because participants in the SFF Committee faced more problems than the physical form factors of disk drives. In November 1992, the charter was expanded 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.

Those companies which have agreed to support a specification are identified in the first pages of each SFF Specification. Industry consensus is not an essential requirement to publish an SFF Specification because it is recognized that in an emerging product area, there is room for more than one approach. By making the documentation on competing proposals available, an integrator can examine the alternatives available and select the product that is felt to be most suitable.

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Most of the specifications developed by the SFF Committee have either been incorporated into standards or adopted as standards by EIA (Electronic Industries Association), ANSI (American National Standards Institute) and IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission).

If you are interested in participating or wish to follow the activities of the SFF Committee, the sign up for membership and/or documentation can be found at:
<http://www.sffcommittee.com/ie/join.html>

The complete list of SFF Specifications which have been completed or are currently being worked on by the SFF Committee can be found at:
<ftp://ftp.seagate.com/sff/SFF-8000.TXT>

If you wish to know more about the SFF Committee, the principles which guide the activities can be found at:
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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.

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1 Scope

This specification defines the performance requirements of Mini Multilane unshielded connector.

1.1 Application Specific Criteria

This connector is capable of meeting the interface requirements for the high density internal I/O requirements of T10 SAS-3.

2 References

2.1 Industry Documents

The following interface standards and specifications are relevant to this Specification.

- INCITS 519 SAS-3 (Serial Attached SCSI 3)
- INCITS 534 SAS-4 (Serial Attached SCSI 4)
- SFF-8410 High Speed Serial Testing for Copper Links
- SFF-8613 Mini Multilane 8/4X Unshielded Connector
- SFF-8614 Mini Multilane 8/4X Shielded Connector
- SFF-8643 Mini Multilane 12 Gb/s 8/4X Unshielded Connector
- SFF-8644 Mini Multilane 12 Gb/s 8/4X Shielded Connector
- SFF-8674 Mini Multilane 24 Gb/s 8/4X Shielded Connector

2.2 SFF Specifications

There are several projects active within the SFF Committee. The complete list of specifications which have been completed or are still being worked on are listed in the specification at <ftp://ftp.seagate.com/sff/SFF-8000.TXT>

2.3 Sources

Those who join the SFF Committee as an Observer or Member receive electronic copies of the minutes and SFF specifications (<http://www.sffcommittee.com/ie/join.html>).

Copies of ANSI standards may be purchased from the Inter-National Committee for Information Technology Standards (<http://tinyurl.com/c4psg>).

Copies of SFF, ASC T10 (SCSI), T11 (Fibre Channel) and T13 (ATA/SATA) standards and standards still in development are available on the HPE version of CD_Access (<http://tinyurl.com/85fts>).

2.4 Conventions

The dimensioning conventions are described in ANSI-Y14.5M, Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing. All dimensions are in millimeters.

The ISO convention of numbering is used i.e., the thousands and higher multiples are separated by a space and a period is used as the decimal point. This is equivalent to the English/American convention of a comma and a period.

American	French	ISO
0.6	0,6	0.6
1,000	1 000	1 000
1,323,462.9	1 323 462,9	1 323 462.9

3 Description

This specification identifies the documentation required to implement a 24 Gb/s unshielded connector suitable to the using applications, as illustrated in the following pictorial representation.

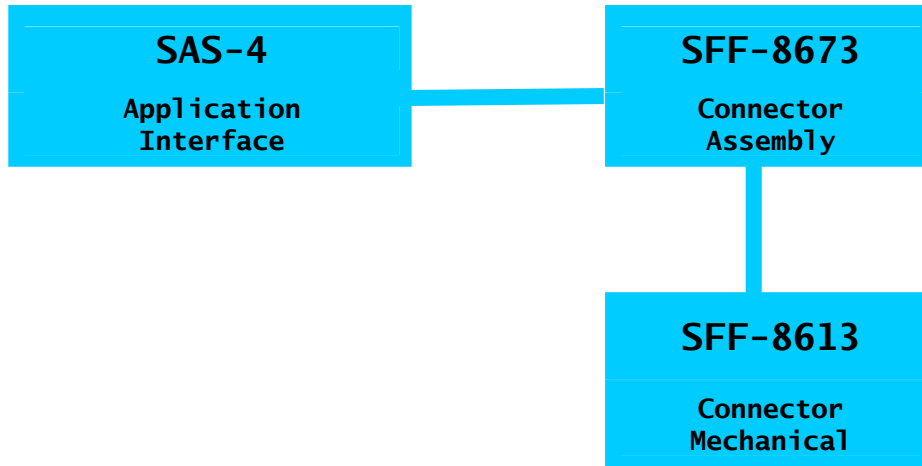


FIGURE 3-1 DOCUMENTATION TO IMPLEMENT A 24 GB/S CONNECTOR

4 Overview of Referenced Specifications

4.1 Application Requirements

The electrical and EMI considerations for the use of this connector are specified by the using standards listed in Section 1.1.

This connector system is based upon vertical and right angle receptacle (fixed) connectors and (free) mating plugs. The host board footprint mounting holes contain the critical dimensions for locating the receptacles to the host board. The integral receptacle guide shell functions as the guide and strain relief for the free (plug) connector interface and also provides the latching points for the plug connector. This connector system provides positive retention along with ease of insertion and removal.

4.2 SFF-8613

This specification provides for a 1x1, 1x2 and 1x4 receptacle (fixed side) as well as a 1x1 (4X) and a 1x2 (8X) vertical receptacles and the mating cable plugs (free side).

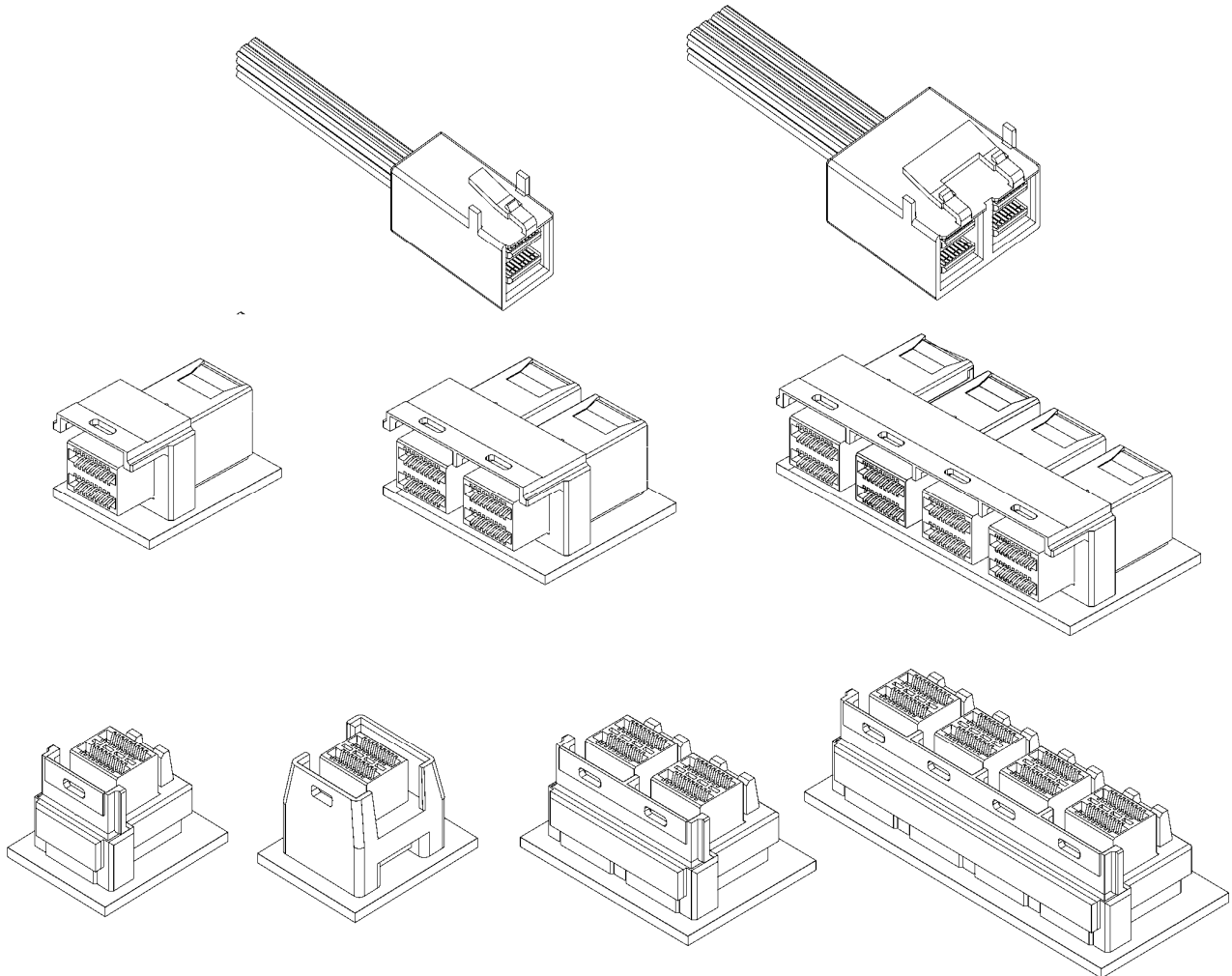


FIGURE 4-1 GENERAL VIEW OF CONFIGURATIONS

TABLE 4-1 CONFIGURATIONS

Port	Positions	Right Angle	Vertical Modular	Vertical Unitary	Plug
1x1	36	X	X	X	X
1x2	72	X	X	Not Shown	X
1x4	144	X	X	NA	NA