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SFF-8144 Specification for

54mm x 78.5mm Form Factor with micro SATA connector

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Abstract: This specification defines the 54mm x 78.5mm form factor and connector position for drives with the micro SATA connector. This form factor includes integrated side rail mounting features, heights of 5mm or 8mm, and centers the connector on the narrow end of the drive.

This document provides a common specification for systems manufacturers, system integrators, and suppliers of drives. This is an internal working document 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.

Support: This specification is supported by the identified member companies of the SFF Committee.

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EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT BY MANUFACTURERS

The following member companies of the SFF Committee voted in favor of this industry specification.

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FCI
Foxconn
Fujitsu CPA
Hewlett Packard
Samsung
Seagate
Sun Microsystems
Toshiba America

The following member companies of the SFF Committee voted to abstain on this industry specification.

AMCC
Emulex
Hitachi GST
LSI
Luxtera
Meritec
Molex
Tyco

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, 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.

SFF Committee meetings are held during T10 weeks (see www.t10.org), and Specific Subject Working Groups are held at the convenience of the participants. Material presented at SFF Committee meetings becomes public domain, and there are no restrictions on the open mailing of material presented at committee meetings.

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:

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:

<ftp://ftp.seagate.com/sff/SFF-8032.TXT>

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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54mm x 78.5mm Form Factor with micro SATA Connector

1. Scope

The 814x suite of specifications defines the configuration characteristics associated with 54mm wide drives. SFF-8144 is unique in that it incorporates unique features not necessarily included in other 54mm wide form factor SFF specifications.

The purpose of the 814x suite is to define the external characteristics of drives such that products from different vendors may be used in the same mounting configurations. The set of specifications provide external dimensions, connectors, and connector placement to assist manufacturers in the system integration of small form factor drives.

In an effort to broaden the applications for storage devices, an ad hoc industry group of companies representing system integrators, peripheral suppliers, and component suppliers decided to address the issues involved.

The SFF Committee was formed in August, 1990 and the first working document was introduced in January, 1991.

1.1 Description of Clauses

Clause 1 contains the Scope and Purpose.

Clause 2 contains Referenced and Related Standards and SFF Specifications.

Clause 3 begins the specification

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 and industry standards are relevant to this specification:

- Serial ATA Revision 2.6
- ASME Y14.5M Dimensioning and Tolerancing

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 InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (<http://tinyurl.com/c4psg>).

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

2.4 Conventions

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

American:	ISO:
0.6	0,6
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3.0 Physical Configuration

This document describes the location of the micro SATA connector and the 54mm x 78.5mm form factor for storage devices. The connector is defined in Serial ATA Revision 2.6. See Table 3-1, Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2 for the form factor details and connector location.

Dimension	Millimeters	Comments
A1a	5.00	Height
A1b	8.00	Height
A2	0.35	
A3	0.60	
A4	54.00	Width
A5	0.25	
A6	78.50	Length
A7	3.00	
A8	3.30	
A9	0.35	
A10	35.00	Connector width
A11	27.04	
A12	0.60	
A13	4.00	Connector height
A14	1.35	
A15	0.40	
A16	0.30	
A17	0.35	
A18	0.50	See note 4
A19	3.85	
A20	6.50	
A21	2.50	
A22	0.30	
A23	1.50	
A24	19.00	See note 3
A25	12.00	See note 3
A26	1.50	
A27	5.35	

Notes:

1. Millimeter is the controlling dimension.
2. A1a and A1b are alternate form factor heights.
3. A24 and A25 indicate the maximum size allowed for the holding device. The form factor may provide an area larger than the allowed holding device size. The features at the rail width transition, if the transition occurs, shall be shaped to minimize stubbing in guide rail applications.
4. Material in this area allows the system implementation of an ejector device.

TABLE 3-1 54MM X 78.5MM FORM FACTOR WITH MICRO SATA CONNECTOR DIMENSIONS

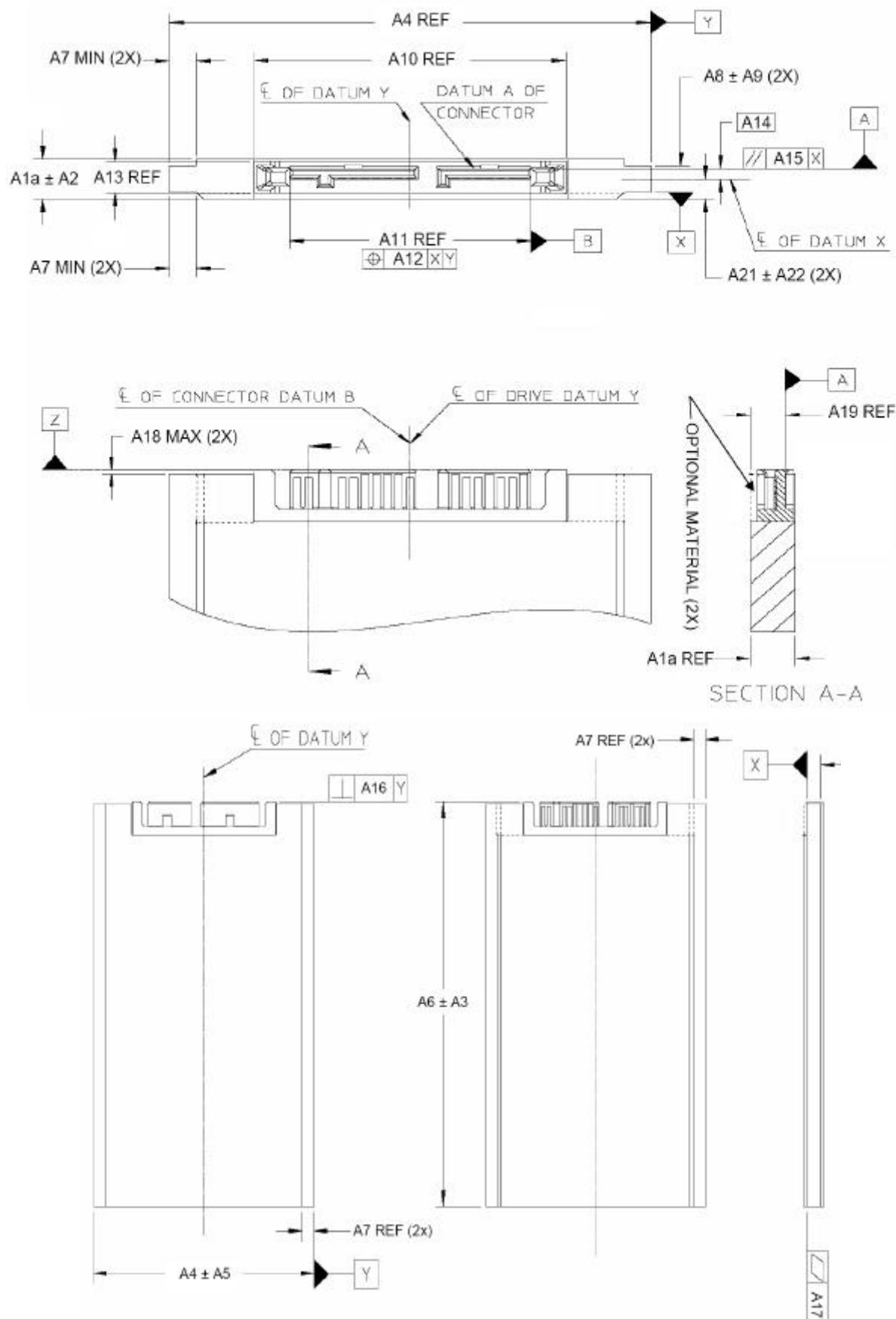


Figure 3-1: 54mm x 78.5mm x 5mm Form Factor and micro SATA connector location

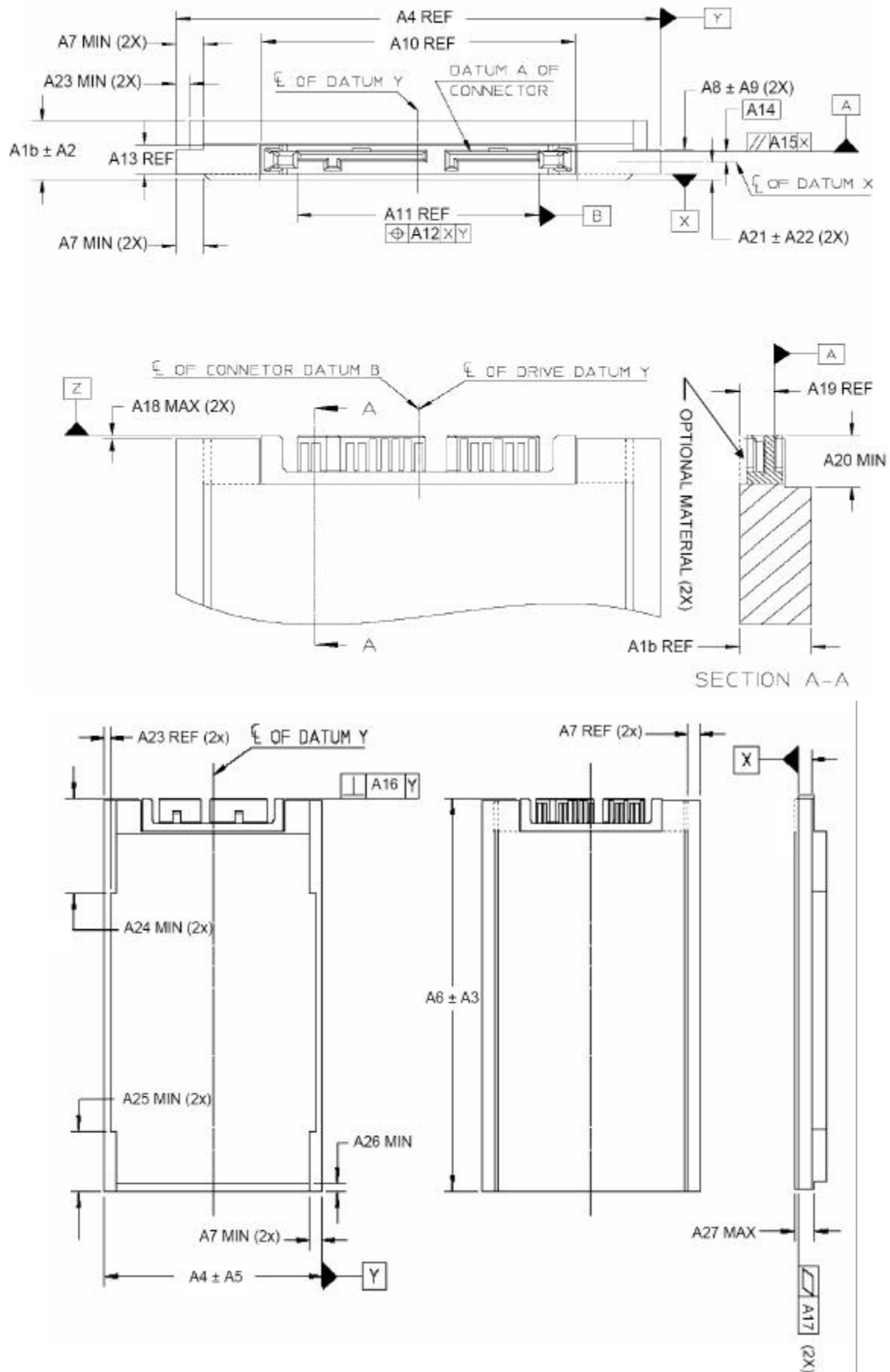


Figure 3-2: 54mm x 78.5mm x 8mm Form Factor and micro SATA connector location