

STA Announces Completion of Serial Attached SCSI Specification

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Serial Attached SCSI 1.0 Features

- Device-level enterprise storage interface
- SCSI backward compatibility
- Serial point-to-point interconnect
- Dual porting
- Increased addressability and scalability to small form factors
- System level compatibility with Serial ATA
(Jan. 20, 2003, release in press kit has background)

- Harry Mason, President, SCSI Trade Association, “Serial Attached SCSI specification continues its predicted development schedule.”
- John Lohmeyer, Chair, INCITS T10 Committee, “Serial Attached SCSI is technically stable.”
- David Reinsel, HDD Research Manager, International Data Corp., “It’s expected compatibility with Serial ATA will be a market advantage. . . .”

- T10 forwarded SAS 1.0 specification to INCITS May 8, 2003
- INCITS will review the spec for 45 days; if no comments, it will issue a letter ballot
- If no comments from the letter ballot, then INCITS will forward spec to ANSI
- Serial Attached SCSI specification is expected to be a standard by late summer

Serial Attached SCSI Deployment

- Serial Attached SCSI products scheduled to be on the market in 2004
- Products demonstrated earlier this year
- STA will hold “plugfests” in 1Q 2004, in cooperation with UNH, for OEMs to test products for compatibility with Serial ATA and for interoperability
- Enterprise users expected to be able to invest in SCSI technology with confidence