Product Change Notice 3M™ Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) Connectors

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Product Change

As part of 3M's continuous efforts to improve our products, all 3M Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) Sockets, SBR Series, will be undergoing some minor modifications. This change is in accordance with the SFF-8482 specification for SAS drive connectors. The changes will enhance intermateability with disk drives that may be out of conformance with the three drive standards: SFF-8223, SFF-8323 and SFF-8523. The SBR series will continue to be intermateable with disk drives made in accordance with these standards.

This change will have no affect on the electrical or mechanical performance of the product. This change has minimal impact on the form and fit of the product and no impact on function; therefore part numbers will remain unchanged. 3M SKU numbers will not change.

This will be a running change across the SBR series products since several tools are involved. No mixed inventory will be shipped. The tech sheets will be updated once the changes are complete. Please use the latest revision of the respective technical sheet that lists the compliance in the Features and Benefits section.

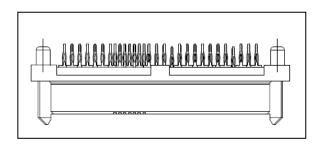


Figure- I Current Product Offering

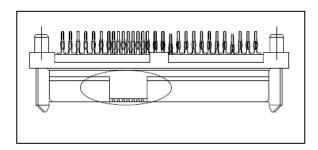


Figure- II
Product Offering after Modification

The following Tech Sheets will be affected as well as any custom SBR products:

- TS-2180
- TS- 2204
- TS-2177
- TS-2205
- TS-2176



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the new part a drop-n replacement to the old part?

A: All the new parts will have same footprint as the old parts. Please evaluate the new part to ensure that it is compatible with your application

Q. Will the new part limit intermateability?

A. No. In fact it is designed to enhance intermateability. Some disk drives do not fully comply to the mechanical specifications outlined in the Small Form Factor (SFF) specifications SFF-8223, SFF-8323 and SFF-8523. This change is being made to enable intermatability with those non conforming disk drives.

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