

REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

July 11, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) hereby notifies all SFF TA TWG Members and Participants that they are issuing a Request for Disclosure of Intellectual Property Claims for the following SFF TA TWG specifications, which are available for review on the SNIA web site at <https://www.snia.org/sffdisclosures>.

Specification	Title	Revision
SFF-8301	3.5" Form Factor Drive Dimensions	1.9
SFF-8609	Management Interface for Drive Conditions	1.0
SFF-8617	Mini Multilane 12X Shielded Cage/Connector (CXP)	1.7
SFF-8630	Serial Attachment 4X Unshielded Connector	1.5
SFF-8636	Management Interface for 4-lane Modules and Cables	2.9.5
SFF-8639	Multifunction 6X Unshielded Connector	2.1
SFF-8663	QSFP+ 28 Gb/s Cage (Style A)	1.7
SFF-8683	QSFP+ Cage	1.3
SFF-TA-1005	Universal Backplane Management (UBM)	1.1.1
SFF-TA-1006	Enterprise and Datacenter 1U Short SSD Form Factor (E1.S)	1.2.2
SFF-TA-1007	Enterprise and Datacenter 1U Long SSD Form Factor (E1.L)	1.1

The above specifications are hereby released for review by SFF TA TWG Members and Participants pursuant to the SNIA Intellectual Property Policy adopted by the Board of Directors on September 18, 2015 ("IP Policy"). Members and Participants are specifically referred to the IP Policy (http://www.snia.org/about/corporate_info/ip_policy/).

The Review Period shall be the sixty (60) day period commencing on July 11, 2019 and ending on September 8, 2019 ("Review Period"). During the Review Period, Members and Participants are requested to comply with the disclosure obligations of §3.3.2 of the IP Policy (subject to the exception set forth in §3.3.3. if applicable).

Members and Participants are required to make reasonable and good faith efforts to disclose, prior to the end of the Review Period, Essential Claims (as defined in §2.6 of the IP Policy) in the above listed specifications, of which they have Actual Knowledge (as defined in §2.1 of the IP Policy). Please refer to the IP Policy for the precise definition of the referenced terms.

A Member or Participant should also disclose if it would be unwilling to license any such Essential Claims of which it has Actual Knowledge in accordance with §3.5 of the IP Policy.



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Disclosure should be submitted in electronic format to the SNIA Secretary at the following email address: disclosure@snia.org.

If you have made a disclosure on a prior version of any of these specifications you are still required to make a disclosure on the new version of the specification. Each request for disclosure issued by the SNIA is independent of all prior requests for disclosure and should be answered accordingly.

Please be advised that the failure to make requested disclosure may have the consequences set forth in the IP Policy. If you have nothing to disclose, you need not respond to this request.

SNIA may publish the disclosures it receives to Members, Participants, third parties, and standard setting bodies, or take other appropriate action.

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