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Subject: Proposed SCSI Identifier Symbols

Dear Mr. Lohmeyer:

We propose that the present icon as recommended by the SCSI committee with the single lined diamond be preserved for the single ended SCSI implementation.

We propose that this symbol be modified from a single lined diamond to a double lined diamond to indicate the differential SCSI interface.

We also suggest that an additional text string be optionally attached to these symbols as described in the 91-49, Rev.1 proposal for improved visual identification. There should not be any restriction on size, font, and position of the string. The string could be positioned as a single line or diagonally. The only criterion should be optimal visibility.

On molded connectors, it might even be possible to feel the difference between the symbols by simply brushing over it with a finger nail in places with a restricted visibility.

This proposal has two merits. It would preserve the old symbol for single ended SCSI and still make it possible to distinguish between the two interface categories both visually and tactiley.

Single-Ended SCSI Icons.
Differential SCSI Icons.

Sincerely,

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