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3M Introduces New mini Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) Interconnect Products

AUSTIN, Texas – March 27, 2007 – Next generation designs enabling high-speed data transmission can be supported with the new 3M brand mini Serial Attached SCSI (small computer system interface) connectors from the 3M Electronic Solutions Division. The RoHS compliant* miniSAS supports data transmission rates of 6 of 10 Gbps in server and storage applications, doubling the capacity of first-generation SAS connectors.

The 3M brand miniSAS interconnect ensures signal integrity, protecting against data loss. It also significantly reduces the connector size for storage systems currently using SAS 4-lane. The 0.8 mm pitch board mount connector provides increased I/O density with greater channel capabilities and requires less space on printed circuit boards.

The miniSAS system provides board designers with a variety of options, including three different tail lengths on the through-hole shields, kinked tails and SMT options. The connectors are offered in vertical and right-angle versions for internal board-mount uses and a right-angle design for external board-mount uses.

The 3M miniSAS products conform to the SFF 8086, 8087, and 8088 standards. These standards were to support the aggregation and cabling of SAS signals into a high speed 4-lane architecture, providing both internal and external configurations. Internal connectors use 36 positions, while external connectors use 26 positions. The connectors are all SMT, while the internal shield cages can be through-hole, kinked tails for through-hole, or SMT.

For more information, go to <http://www.3m.com/interconnect>.

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