

# SATA-IO / T13 Copyright and IP Issues

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## Change History:

R0: 121/13/2004 Initial proposal  
R1 02/18/2005 Wording changes

## 1 Introduction

First, the goal of this proposal is not to undermine T13, but to avoid producing conflicting materials and requirements.

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There have recently been several proposals for T13's "D1697 - SerialTransport (ATA8-ST)" project regarding Serial ATA devices.

These either attempt to

- a) define new behaviors that have not previously been defined by the Serial ATA International Organization (SATA-IO), or
- b) ~~update T13's project D1697 with material from SATA-IO publications for which T13 has no copyright release, by carefully phrasing or referring to (not quoting) the SATA-IO material.~~

This activity ~~is almost certainly going to~~ will cause a diversion into two competing Serial ATA standards.

In addition, the material that is being attempted to be imported into T13 is soon to be obsoleted by SATA-IO, as multiple documents are merged into a single standards document. This means that T13 documents that even 'refer' to a current SATA-IO document will refer to obsolete information.

~~T13 has had a long successful history of producing standards that apply broadly to devices and behaviors of many types. That is it's strength.~~

## 2 Proposal

I propose that ~~(for ATA8) the~~ T13 committee establish a policy regarding serial ATA –specific devices and behaviors, such that T13:

- a) refer such proposals to the SATA-IO organization for disposition., ~~and~~
- b) a) does not accept any proposals to incorporate any material from a non-T13 source for which T13 does not have the appropriate copyright release.