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## INTRODUCTION

### General

The set of SCSI standards consists of this International Standard and the SCSI implementation standards (see SCSI standards family).

The set of SCSI standards specifies the interfaces, functions and operations necessary to ensure interoperability between conforming SCSI implementations. This standard is a functional description. Conforming implementations may employ any design technique that does not violate interoperability.

### SCSI standards family

Figure 1 shows the relationship of this standard to the other standards and related projects in the SCSI family standards.

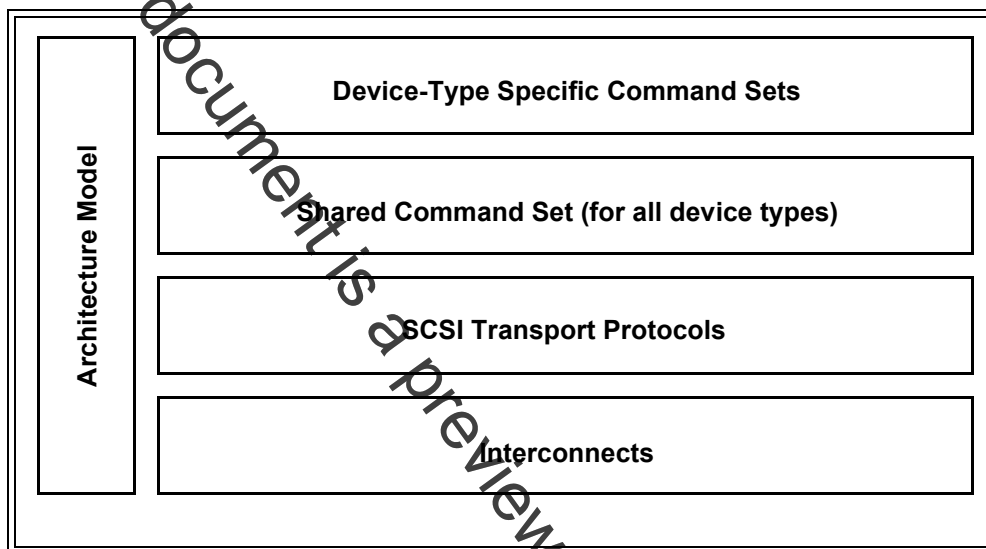


Figure 0 — SCSI document structure

Figure 0 shows the general applicability of the documents with respect to one another. Figure 0 does not imply a relationship such as a hierarchy, protocol stack or system architecture.

The functional areas identified in Figure 0 characterize the scope of standards within a group as follows:

**Architecture Model:** Defines the SCSI systems model, the functional partitioning of the SCSI standard set and requirements applicable to all SCSI implementations and implementation standards.

**Device-Type Specific Command Sets:** Implementation standards that define specific device types including a device model for each device type. These standards specify the required commands and behaviour that is specific to a given device type and prescribe the requirements to be followed by a SCSI initiator device when sending commands to a SCSI target device having the specific device type. The commands and behaviours for a specific device type may include reference commands and behaviours that are shared by all SCSI devices.

**Shared Command Set:** An implementation standard that defines a model for all SCSI device types. This standard specifies the required commands and behaviour that is common to all SCSI devices, regardless of device type, and prescribes the requirements to be followed by a SCSI initiator device when sending commands to any SCSI target device.

**SCSI Transport Protocols:** Implementation standards that define the requirements for exchanging information so that different SCSI devices are capable of communicating.

**Interconnects:** Implementation standards that define the communications mechanism employed by the SCSI transport protocols. These standards may describe the electrical and signaling requirements essential for SCSI devices to interoperate over a given interconnect.

For references, see bibliography.

The SCSI Architecture Model-2 (SAM-2) standard is divided into seven clauses and two annexes:

Clause 1	Scope
Clause 2	Normative references
Clause 3	Definitions, symbols and abbreviations
Clause 4	SCSI architecture model
Clause 5	SCSI command model of the SCSI architecture
Clause 6	Task management functions common to SCSI devices
Clause 7	Task set management capabilities common to SCSI devices
Annex A	Identifier and name definitions of the SCSI transport protocols
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### 1 General

#### 1.1 Scope

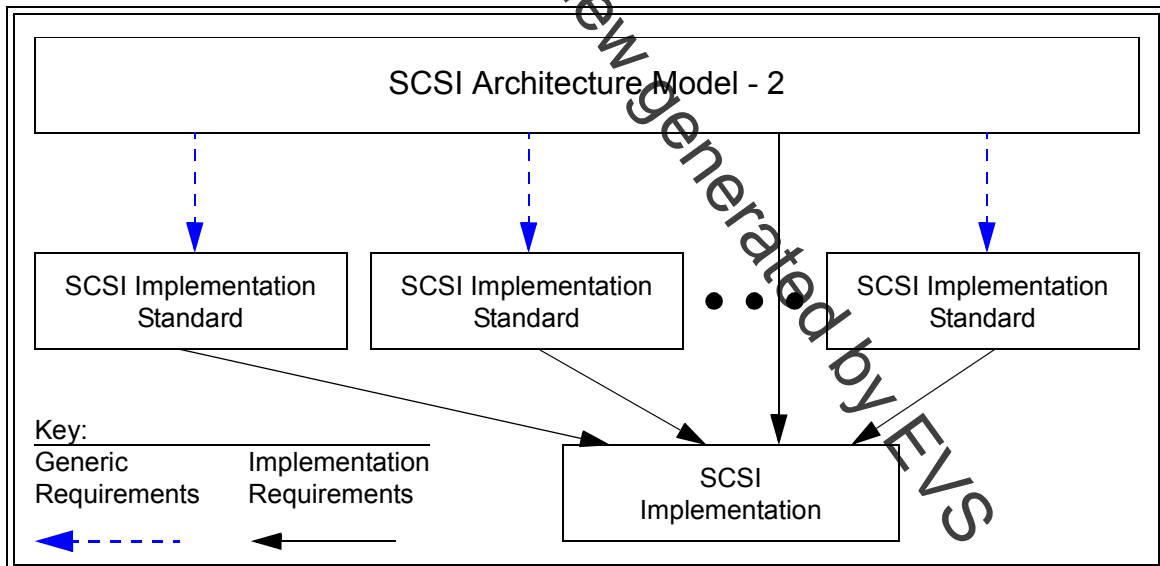
This part of ISO/IEC 14776 defines a reference model that specifies common behaviours for SCSI devices and an abstract structure that is generic to all SCSI I/O system implementations.

This International Standard specifies generic requirements that pertain to SCSI implementation standards and implementation requirements.

#### 1.2 Precedence requirements

An implementation requirement specifies behaviour in terms of measurable or observable parameters that apply to an implementation. Examples of implementation requirements defined in this International Standard are the command descriptor block format and the status values to be returned upon command completion.

Generic requirements are transformed to implementation requirements by an implementation standard. An example of a generic requirement is the hard reset behaviour specified in 5.9.6.



**Figure 1 — Requirements precedence**

As shown in figure 1, all SCSI implementation standards shall reflect the generic requirements defined herein. In addition, an implementation claiming SCSI compliance shall conform to the applicable implementation requirements defined in this standard and the appropriate SCSI implementation standards. In the event of a conflict between this document and other SCSI standards under the jurisdiction of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25, the requirements of this standard shall apply.