

P1394A Electrical Isolation

## **Proposed Edits to IEEE 1394-1995 for Electrical Isolation Removal**

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## Motivation

- We have agreed to remove the isolation requirement from the spec.
- Discussing electrical isolation in the 1394 specification confuses the industry, is out of date and attempts to dictate solutions to common electrical problems
- A strong message encouraging silicon integration of PHY s and LINK s is needed
- Without isolation requirements we can change Annex J to remove AC coupling modes of interconnect between PHY s and LINK s -- a possible source of design problems for S400 PHY s and a very difficult interconnect for P1394B PHY-LINK connections
- We need a detailed proposal of what should remain and what should be deleted from the spec.



## Edit List

- Delete section 4.2.1, p. 55, Warning , in particular item (a)
- Delete section 4.2.1.4.8, p. 75, Shield ac coupling
- Section 4.22.7, p. 81, Power and ground needs considerable re-writing if we re going to adopt more sophisticated power distribution rules
- Remove all of Annex A, p.243
- Delete J.6-7, p. 347, remove need for digital differentiator I/O modes of signaling between PHY s and LINK s