

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSUREELECTRICAL CONNECTOR FOR FLAT CIRCUIT

5 An electrical connector for a flat circuit includes a dielectric housing (1) defining a circuit-insertion slot (15). A plurality of terminals (2A,2B) are mounted on the housing and are spaced along the slot. The terminals have contact portions (9A,9B) for engaging conductors spaced along the flat circuit. An actuator (3) is movably mounted on the housing for movement between an open position allowing insertion of the flat circuit into the slot (15) and a closed position biasing the circuit and its conductors against the contact portions (9A,9B) of the terminals. Only some of the terminals (2A) comprise retention terminals with portions (6A,8A) for gripping the flat circuit and temporarily holding the circuit when the actuator (3) is in its open position. Other of the terminals (2B) comprise non-retentive terminals allowing substantially free insertion of the flat circuit into the slot (15).

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