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ABSTRACT

BOARD TO BOARD ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS

5 A low profile hermaphroditic electrical connector (10) is provided for mounting on the surface of a first printed circuit board (12) and is adapted to mate with an identical second connector (10) mounted on the surface of a second printed circuit board (12) to electrically and mechanically couple the boards together. Each connector includes a housing (14) mounting a plurality of stamped female (18) and male (20) terminals. Each terminal includes a surface mounting portion (38, 48) for electrically engaging the respective printed circuit board, a mating portion (22, 26) adapted to mate with the mating portion of the terminal of the opposite gender of the other hermaphroditic connector, and a portion (30, 42) for holding the terminal in the housing. The mating portion of the female terminal (18) includes two opposed, spaced apart contact arms (22). The arms and the terminal holding portion (30) both project from the mounting portion (38). The mating portion of the male terminal (20) includes a contact post (26) adapted to be received between the contact arms of the female terminal (18). The post and the terminal holding portion both project from the mounting portion (48). The male terminal (20) includes a lip (50) projecting beneath a shoulder (52) on the housing (14) to resist lifting of the surface mounting portion (48) off the respective printed circuit board (12) during unmating of the connectors (10).

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