

ABSTRACT:**ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR WITH IMPROVED TERMINAL RETENTION MEANS**

An electrical connector includes a dielectric housing (1) having an opening (0) for receiving a flat electrical cable and a plurality of terminal-receiving slots (3) spaced along the opening. Each slot includes first (4) and second (5) sub-slots. A plurality of terminals (2) are received in the slots (3). Each terminal (2) includes a resiliently deflectable contact section (8) extending into the first sub-slot (4) of a respective one of the slots (3), a U-shaped intermediate retention section (9) press-fit into the second sub-slot (5) of the respective slot (3), and a terminating section (10) extending outside the housing. The U-shaped intermediate retention section (9) defines a pair of retaining legs (9a,9b) each independently press-fit into portions (5a,5b) of the second sub-slot (5). One retaining leg (9b) is connected to the contact section (8) and the other retaining leg (9a) is connected to the terminating section (10) to thereby isolate any forces on the terminating section (9) from being transmitted to the contact section (8).

This Sheet Has Been Replaced

