

CONNECTOR APPARATUS**ABSTRACT**

An electrical connector for coupling two electrical connectors is described, the electrical connector comprising an elongated insulative housing comprising a longitudinal base portion, having a first mating surface and a second mating surface; 5 wherein the first mating surface is configured to couple with a second complementary connector by means of a central slot defined between a first side wall, a second side wall and a pair of end walls, all walls extending from the base portion; wherein the second mating surface is configured to couple with a first 10 complementary connector by means of a tongue portion and a pair of end walls, both the tongue portion and the end walls extending from the base portion, the tongue portion comprising a first tongue section, a second tongue section and a third tongue section; a plurality of contacts positioned in the housing; and wherein the contacts are grouped into a first set and a second set of contacts positioned in the 15 first tongue and the second tongue sections respectively. In another embodiment, the contacts are grouped into a first set, a second set and a third set of contacts positioned in the first tongue, the second tongue and the third tongue sections respectively. In another embodiment, an interconnect system having at least one electrical connector coupled to two electrical connectors is described.