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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR FOR FLAT CIRCUIT

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
5 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
10 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
15 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).

Fig. 5