

ABSTRACT

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS

5 A method is provided for manufacturing an electrical connector (10) which includes a dielectric housing (12) having a plurality of side-by-side channels (42) separated by partition walls (40) at one side of the housing. A plurality of terminals (28) are mounted on the housing, with lead portions (34) of the terminals located in the channels (42). The method includes the steps of
10 seating the lead portions (34) of the terminals into the channels (42), and forming first or minor portions (54) from the partition walls (40) onto the lead portions to retain the lead portions in the channels (42). Second or major portions (56) of the partition walls (40) then are
15 formed onto the lead portions (34) to securely lock the lead portions in the channels (42). The seating step and the first forming step may be carried out simultaneously.

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