

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

5 An electrical connector (10) is adapted for
connecting a conductor (38) of an electrical wire (40) to
a terminal of a mating connector. A dielectric housing
(12) has at least one elongated terminal-receiving cavity
(16) defining a longitudinal axis (56). A terminal (14) is
10 received in the cavity and has a mating portion (30)
adapted to mate with the terminal of the mating connector,
a conductor-terminating portion (34), and an intermediate
portion (44) joining the mating and conductor-terminating
portions. The intermediate portion includes a base (46)
15 and a pair of elongated resilient side walls (48) extending
from the base. Each side wall has an upper free end
portion (48a). A pair of elongated slots (22) are provided
within a wall of the cavity receiving the upper free end
portions of the side walls (48) of the terminal (14) to
20 prevent movement of the terminal laterally or angularly of
the longitudinal axis (56).