

Description

The present invention relates to an electrical connector which is adapted to electrically connect a flat flexible cable to another circuit element.

With the advent of high technology and computer related applications, space has become a premium when designing and building electrical apparatus. One means of overcoming these space limitations, is the use of multi-conductor flat flexible cable.

In order to connect a flat flexible cable to another circuit member, the insulation is stripped exposing a plurality of flat conductors which are adapted to be mated with an electrical connector assembly. The electrical connector assembly includes a housing with a plurality of terminals mounted therein, each terminal being adapted to contact one of the conductors.

In a well known connector, each terminal has a U-shaped body section defined by a pair of opposing arms and a solder tail projecting from one end of the U-shaped body section. The ends of the arms are provided with a projecting portion at the free ends thereof. The conductors of the flat flexible cable are received between the projecting portions of the arms.

Terminals of the type described above are fabricated by punching pre-plated conductive metallic sheets. During the punching process, the plating on the surfaces which are adapted to contact the conductors of the multi-conductor cable are likely to be removed. The places at which the plating is removed, are subject to oxidation and an increase in the contact resistance. This will compromise the electrical connection between the terminal and the cable conductor.

As a result of the above drawback, the terminals have to be replaced periodically. In the alternative, such a terminal would have to be post-plated which is a relatively expensive manufacturing operation.

In order to solve the above problem, terminals of the type described may have surfaces which contact the cable conductor formed at a certain angle relative to the plane of the arms. In this manner the contact surfaces remain plated after forming. However, it becomes difficult to accommodate a wide range of cable conductor thicknesses employing such a construction.

This applies equally to the electrical connector assembly described in FR—A—1,574,278 which forms the basis of the preamble statement of claim 1 of this application in accordance with Rule 29(a) of the Implementing Regulations to the E.P.C.

The present invention provides a connector assembly for electrically connecting the conductors of a flat flexible multi-conductor cable to another circuit member, said connector assembly including a housing having a plurality of side by side, elongated, open ended terminal receiving cavities formed therein, a slot formed across the open ends of the cavities for receiving the edge of

exposed cable conductors therethrough, a plurality of stamped, formed electric terminals formed from flat metal conductive material, each terminal having a generally planar, U-shaped terminal body with first and second arms and a base and a portion for electrical connection to the other circuit member, at least one arm having a contact portion formed near the free end thereof for making an electrical interface with the cable conductor when said cable is received in the housing slot and in the area between the two arms, said terminal further including mounting means co-operating with the housing for securing a terminal therein, the contact portion having a contact surface formed thereon that is disposed substantially at right angles to and in a projecting relation from the plane of said first arm, said other arm having a lateral flange portion projecting at a right angle with respect to the plane of said other arm, each terminal receiving cavity including a terminal supporting portion immediately adjacent to the cable receiving slot, said flange portion being received on one side of the terminal supporting portion characterized in that the lateral flange portion extends substantially the whole length of said second arm, the terminal supporting portion defines an L-shaped slot which opens into the cable receiving slot and the contact portion has its contact surface biased against the other side of said contact supporting portion, whereby the conductors of said cable are adapted to be received in the slot so that each conductor is disposed between one of said contact surfaces and one of said contact supporting portions.

Some ways of carrying out the invention will now be described by way of example with reference to drawings in which:—

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a prior art electric terminal;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of another prior art electric terminal;

FIGS. 3(a) and (b) are perspective views of electric terminals used in connector assemblies according to the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a partially sectioned perspective view of a housing for a connector assembly of the present invention;

FIG. 5(a) is a partially sectioned perspective view of the electric terminal mounted in its housing;

FIG. 5(b) is a side sectional view of Fig. 5(a) viewed from direction A;

FIG. 6 is a side sectional view showing a connector assembly of the present invention mounted on a printed circuit board and receiving a multi-conductor flat flexible cable;

FIG. 7 is a plan view of another terminal having an arcuate contact portion at the forward end of the first arm;

FIG. 8(a) is a plan view showing another terminal with a crimp section;

FIG. 8(b) is a plan view of the electric terminal of Fig. 8(a) showing a wire crimped onto the terminal;

FIG. 9(a) is a perspective view of another ter-

terminal wherein the solder tail portion is provided at one end of the flange portion;

FIG 9(b) is a perspective view of still another terminal wherein the solder tail portion is provided at the other end of the flange portion;

FIG. 10 is a side sectional view of a connector assembly of the present invention having the terminal of Fig. 9 received in the housing; and

FIG. 11 is a side sectional view showing the connector assembly of Fig. 10 mounted on a printed circuit board and receiving a flat flexible cable therein.

Turning now to the drawings, Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate two conventional electric terminals, generally designated 27, which are known in the art. These terminals are used to electrically connect the conductors of a multi-conductor flat flexible cable with another circuit member such as a printed circuit board.

Each of the terminals 27 of Figs. 1 and 2 generally include a U-shaped body section 27 having a pair of opposing arms 28 and 28' and a solder tail 31 projecting from one end of the U-shaped body section at its base or bight. Each of the arms 28 and 28' has an inwardly projecting portion 29 and 29' at the free end thereof. The conductor of the cable is adapted to be clamped between the projecting portions 29 and 29' at surfaces 30 and 30'.

The type of terminal 27 shown in Fig. 1 is fabricated by punching a pre-plated conductive metallic sheet. During the punching process, the plating may come off at contact surfaces 30 and 30' of projecting portions 29 and 29'. If the plating is removed at surfaces 30 and 30' oxidation will form at the interface with the conductor and decrease the conductivity thereof. This would degrade the electrical interface.

The terminal 27' shown in Fig. 2 is somewhat of an improvement over that which is illustrated in Fig. 1. Terminal 27' has opposed arms 29 having free ends with contact portions 33 and 33' and 29' hooked at a certain angle relative to said arms. The conductor of the cable is clamped between surfaces 34 and 34' of the contacting portions 33 and 33'. Surfaces 34 and 34' of contact portions 33 and 33' can remain plated after the punching process because surfaces 34 and 34' are not punched surfaces. Therefore, oxidation would not occur on these surfaces.

The terminal 27' of Fig. 2 has a much larger space between surfaces 34 and 34' than surfaces 30 and 30' in terminal 27 shown in Fig. 1. From a manufacturing point of view, it is difficult to form projections 33 and 33' so that surfaces 34 and 34' are at the correct manufacturing tolerances. There is the further disadvantage of the limitation of the cable conductor size necessary for intimately engaging with surfaces 34 and 34'.

Turning now to Figs. 3(a) and 3(b), a terminal made according to the present invention and generally designated 1, is obtained by punching and forming a conductive metal sheet in the form of a U-shaped body section having first and second arms 3 and 4. Extending downwardly

from the base or bight portion of the U-shaped body section 2 is a solder tail 10 for connection to a printed circuit board or the like. Arms 3 and 4 extend upwards from both ends of the base 5.

The first arm 3 converges inwardly at its free end to form a contact portion 6 which extends to form a slanted contact surface 7 to engage the conductor of the cable. The contact-portion 6 extends from arm 3 at substantially a right angle relative to the surface of said arm and at an acute angle relative to the longitudinal axis thereof as seen in the clockwise direction on said plane.

The second arm 4 is provided with a flange portion 8 formed perpendicularly to arm 4 along the major length thereof. A central portion of flange portion 8 projects outwardly to form a locking lance 9 for interengagement with an opening 16 of the housing 11 as best seen in Figs. 4 to 6.

Although the terminals 1 shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) have the solder tail portion at the right and left ends of the bases 5 respectively, it is to be understood that the solder tail 10 can be provided at the central portion of the base 5.

Turning now to Fig. 4, the housing 11 is provided with a plurality of open-ended terminal receiving cavities 12 for mounting the terminals 1 therein. Each cavity 12 has the opening 16 for engagement with the locking lance 9 of the terminal and an opening 17 for receiving the terminal in the cavity, the openings 17 being formed in part as a common slot 17' for receiving the conductors of a multi-conductor flat flexible cable. Each cavity 12 also has a forwardly tapered portion 13 which is adapted to be interposed between the contact surfaces 7 and the flange portion 8 of each terminal 1.

Conductor supporting surface 14 is formed on the contact supporting portion 13 so as to elastically clamp the conductor against surface 7. Contact supporting surface also includes an engaging surface 15 which is to be brought into a securely supported relation with flange portion 8 of terminal 1.

Each terminal 1 is mounted within its corresponding cavity 12 through opening 17. The solder tail 10 extends through opening 18 formed at the other end of the cavity 12.

When the terminal 1 is received within housing 11, locking lance 9 engages opening 16 so that the terminal is securely held within the housing. This eliminates the possibility of the terminal being disengaged easily from the housing due to external pressure such as shock, vibration, etc.

The contact portion 6 of terminal 1 is disposed such that contact surface 7 may be biased against a conductor supported by the contact supporting portion 13. In this configuration the arm 3 is twisted against a housing wall 19 under the elastic action of the arm.

The forwardly tapered contact supporting portion 13 is press fitted between the contact portion 6 of terminal 1 and the flange portion 8 thereof. Thus mounted, the connector assembly can stably and securely electrically connect a plurality

of conductors of a multi-conductor flat flexible cable. The terminals 1 can accommodate a wide range of conductor thicknesses.

Looking at Fig. 5, the contact surfaces 7 are biased against the respective conductor supporting surfaces 14 thus providing no space therebetween prior to the insertion of a cable conductor. Because of this pre-existing contact, the connector can accommodate an extremely thin conductor therebetween.

Flange portion 8 serves to prevent an electrical interface of insufficient pressure due to the deformation of the plastics tapered contact supporting portion 13 which may be caused by ambient heat. This also prevents terminals 1 from being disengaged from the housing 11. This is accomplished by supporting the tapered contact supporting portion 13 securely via support surface 15 thereof to maintain the conductor clamping function with respect to the hooked contact surface 7 and the conductor supporting surface 14.

The solder tails 10 and 10' shown in Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate that said tails are staggered when they extend out of the housing 11. This is because terminals 1 are inserted within the housing 11 in alternation, every other terminal being the same. The staggered configuration allows for closer spacing between terminals 1.

Looking at Fig. 6, a flat flexible cable having a conductor 21 is shown received within the connector assembly. The connector assembly is mounted on a printed circuit board 20 by soldering solder tails 10 and 10' thereto. The conductors are shown clamped between surface 7 and surface 14 as described above.

The particular embodiment shown in Fig. 6 has vertically disposed terminal receiving cavities 12 relative to the printed circuit board 20. However, as will be explained in greater detail hereinafter, the terminal receiving cavities 12 can be in a different disposition relative to the printed circuit board 20.

Turning now to Fig. 7, an alternative terminal is illustrated. The terminal shown therein is similar to that shown in Fig. 3 except rather than the slanted flat contact portion 7 to the terminal in Fig. 7 has an arcuate portion 22 at the forward end of first arm 2. The arcuately curved surface 22 can reduce the extent to which abrasion is present between the interface of the conductor and the terminal 1. This serves to increase the operational life of the terminal.

The terminals shown in Figs. 8(a) and 8(b) are identical to those shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) except that rather than a solder tail 10 there is a crimp section 24 extending from the base 5. Crimp section 24 includes a portion 25 designed to be press fitted about the conductor of a stripped insulated wire and an insulation gripping portion 26.

The terminals shown in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) are adapted for use in housings having terminal receiving cavities that are generally parallel to the printed circuit board 20 as best shown in Fig. 11. In particular, the terminals 1' have a solder tail 10

at opposite ends of the flange portion 8. Figure 9(a) is an embodiment wherein the solder tail 10 projects from the end of flange portion 8 near the base portion 5 in a direction opposite to the free end of second arm 4. Fig. 9(b) is an embodiment wherein the solder tail 10 projects from the other end of flange portion 8 beyond the forward end of the second arm 4 in the same direction relative to the free end thereof. The same reference numerals are used in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) to those in Fig. 3(a) and 3(b) to indicate corresponding parts. The explanation of each part in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) is therefore omitted.

The terminals of Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) respectively are alternately mounted in the terminal receiving cavities of the housing, every other terminal being the same. The solder tails 10 and 10' are bent at right angles relative to the bottom wall 27 so that they may be soldered to the printed circuit board 20 as best shown in Figs. 10 and 11.

When using the connector assembly as shown in Fig. 11, the cable can be connected to the connector parallel to the printed circuit board 20. In this configuration, the connector assembly presents a low space saving profile which is advantageous in many applications.

Claims

1. A connector assembly for electrically connecting the conductors (21) of a flat flexible multi-conductor cable to another circuit member (20 or 27), said connector assembly including

a housing (11) having a plurality of side by side, elongated, open ended terminal receiving cavities (12) formed therein, a slot (17') formed across the open ends of the cavities for receiving the edge of exposed cable conductors therethrough,

a plurality of stamped, formed electrical terminals (1 or 1') formed from flat metal conductive material, each terminal having a generally planar, U-shaped terminal body (2) with first and second arms (3 or 4) and a base (5) and a portion (10, 10', 10'', 24) for electrical connection to the other circuit member, at least one arm (3) having a contact portion (6) formed near the free end thereof for making an electrical interface with the cable conductor when said cable is received in the housing slot and in the area between the two arms, said terminal further including mounting means (8, 9) co-operating with the housing (11) for securing a terminal therein,

the contact portion (6) having a contact surface (7 or 23) formed thereon that is disposed substantially at right angles to and in a projecting relation from the plane of said first arm (3),

said other arm (4) having a lateral flange portion (8) projecting at a right angle with respect to the plane of said other arm,

each terminal receiving cavity (12) including a terminal supporting portion (13) immediately adjacent to the cable receiving slot (17'),

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extends substantially the whole length of said second arm (4), the terminal supporting portion (13) defines an L-shaped slot which opens into the cable receiving slot (17') and the contact portion (6) has its contact surface (7 or 23) biased against the other side of said contact supporting portion (13),

whereby the conductors (21) of said cable are adapted to be received in the slot (17') so that each conductor is disposed between one of said contact surfaces (7 or 23) and one of said contact supporting portions (13).

2. The connector assembly of claim 1 wherein each said contact supporting portion (13) includes a conductor supporting surface (14) defining one side of the slot (17'), whereby each conductor is disposed between a contact surface (7) and a conductor supporting surface (14).

3. The connector assembly of claim 1 or 2 wherein the mounting means includes a projecting locking lance (9) on said flange portion (8) adapted to be received within an opening (16) in the side of the housing (11) for securing the terminal within its respect terminal receiving cavity (17).

4. The connector assembly of claim 1 or 2 wherein said portion for electrical connection to the other circuit member is a solder tail (10, 10', 10'').

5. The connector assembly of claim 1 or 2 wherein the portion for electrical connection to the other circuit member is a crimp section (24) adapted to receive a stripped wire lead.

6. The connector assembly of claim 1 or 2 wherein the portion (10) for electric connection to the other circuit member is on one end of the base (5) or the other so that said portions (10', 10'') are staggered when extending from the housing.

7. The connector assembly of any preceding claim wherein the contact surface (23) is arcuately curved.

8. The connector assembly of claim 1 or 2 wherein said portion for electrical connection to the other circuit member is a solder tail (10, 10') extending from the flange portion (8) at its end adjacent to or remote from the base (5), said two different kinds of terminals being mounted alternately in the terminal receiving cavities, whereby said solder tails (10, 10') extend respectively from opposite ends of the housing (11), said solder tails being bent in the same direction in order to provide a connector assembly whose cable receiving slot (17') is generally parallel to a printed circuit board (20) receiving the solder tails (10, 10').

Patentansprüche

1. Verbindungsvorrichtung zur elektrischen Verbindung der Leiter (21) eines biegsamen Mehrleiter-Bandkabels mit einem weiteren Schaltglied (20; 27), bestehend aus

einem Gehäuse (11) mit mehreren in diesem ausgebildeten, Seite an Seite angeordneten, langgestreckten, offenendigen Hohlräumen (12) zur

Aufnahme von Kontaktelementen, wobei ein Schlitz (17') über die offenen Enden der Hohlräume hinweg zur Aufnahme des randes freigelegter Kabelleiter gebildet ist,

mehreren stanzdeformten elektrischen Kontaktelementen (1; 1'), die aus leitfähigen flachem Metallmaterial gebildet sind, wobei jedes Kontaktelement einen im wesentlichen ebenen, U-förmigen Kontaktkörper (2) mit einem ersten Schenkel (3) und einem zweiten Schenkel (4) sowie einer Basis (5) und einem Bereich (10, 10', 10'', 24) für eine elektrische Verbindung mit dem anderen Schaltungsmitglied aufweist, zumindest ein Schenkel (3) einen nahe seinem freien Ende gebildeten Kontaktbereich (6) zur Herstellung einer elektrischen Verbindung mit dem Kabelleiter besitzt, wenn das Kabel im Gehäuseschlitz und im Bereich zwischen den beiden Schenkeln aufgenommen ist, und wobei das Kontaktelement ferner mit dem Gehäuse (11) zur Festlegung eines Kontaktelement in diesem zusammenwirkende Befestigungsmittel (8, 9) aufweist,

wobei ferner der Kontaktbereich (6) eine an diesem geformte Kontaktfläche (7; 23) aufweist, die im wesentlichen rechtwinklig zu der Ebene des ersten Schenkels (3) von dieser vorstehend angeordnet ist,

der andere Schenkel (4) einen seitlichen Flanschbereich (8) aufweist, der in einem rechten Winkel in bezug auf die Ebene des genannten anderen Schenkels absteht,

jeder Hohlraum (12) zur Aufnahme eines Kontaktelements einen Kontaktelement-Abstützungsbereich (13) unmittelbar an den Kabelaufnahmeschlitz (17') angrenzend besitzt und

der Flanschbereich (8) an einer Seite des Kontaktelement-Abstützungsbereich (13) aufgenommen ist,

dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß sich der Seitenflanschbereich (8) im wesentlichen über die gesamte Länge des zweiten Schenkels (4) erstreckt, der Kontaktelement-Abstützungsbereich (13) einen L-förmigen Schlitz begrenzt, der in den Kabelaufnahmeschlitz (17') einmündet, und der kontaktbereich (6) mit seiner Kontaktfläche (7; 23) gegen die andere Seite des Kontaktabstützungsbereichs (13) gespannt ist,

wobei die Leiter (21) des Kabels in der Weise im Schlitz (17') aufnehmbar sind, daß jeder Leiter zwischen einer der Kontaktflächen (7; 23) und einem der Kontaktabstützungsfläche (13) angeordnet ist.

2. Verbindungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß jeder Kontaktabstützungsbereich (13) eine eine Seite des Schlitzes (17') begrenzende Leiterabstützungsfläche (14) aufweist, wobei jeder Leiter zwischen einer Kontaktfläche (7) und einer Leiterabstützungsfläche (14) angeordnet ist.

3. Verbindungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Befestigungsmittel eine vorstehende Verriegelungszunge (9) am Flanschbereich (8) aufweisen, die in einer Öffnung (16) in der Seite des Gehäuses



ses (11) zur Festlegung des Kontaktelement innerhalb seines zugehörigen Aufnahmehohlraums (17) aufnehmbar ist.

4. Verbindungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Bereich für die elektrische Verbindung mit dem weiteren Schaltungsglied von einer Lötfläche (10, 10', 10'') gebildet ist.

5. Verbindungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Bereich für die elektrische Verbindung mit dem anderen Schaltungsglied von einem Klemmteil (24) zur Aufnahme eines abisolierten Leiterendes gebildet ist.

6. Verbindungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Bereich (10) für die elektrische Verbindung mit dem anderen Schaltungsglied an dem einen oder dem anderen Ende der Basis (5) vorgesehen ist, derart, daß diese Bereiche (10', 10'') in ihrer aus dem Gehäuse hervortretenden Anordnung zueinander versetzt sind.

7. Verbindungsvorrichtung nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Kontaktfläche (23) bogenförmig gekrümmt ist.

8. Verbindungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Bereich für die elektrische Verbindung mit dem anderen Schaltungsglied von einer Lötfläche (10, 10') gebildet ist, die vom Flanschbereich (8) an dessen der Basis (5) zugewandtem oder von dieser abgewandtem Ende absteht, diese beiden verschiedenen Kontaktelementarten abwechselnd in den Hohlräumen zur Aufnahme der Kontaktelemente angebracht sind, wobei die Lötflächen (10, 10') von gegenüberliegenden Enden des Gehäuses (11) abstehen, und daß die Lötflächen in dieselbe Richtung zur Ausbildung einer Verbindungsvorrichtung gebogen sind, deren Kabelaufnahmschlitz (17') im wesentlichen parallel zu einer die Lötflächen (10, 10') aufnehmenden gedruckten Schaltkarte (20) verläuft.

Revendications

1. Ensemble de connexion pour la connexion électrique des conducteurs (21) d'un câble souple plat à plusieurs conducteurs avec un autre élément de circuit (20 ou 27), ledit ensemble de connexion comprenant:

un boîtier (11) comportant une pluralité de cavités (12) de forme allongée situées côte à côte et destinées à recevoir des bornes à extrémité ouverte, une fente (17') réalisée en travers des extrémités ouvertes des cavités pour recevoir le bord de conducteurs de câble mis à nu,

une pluralité de bornes électrique découpées (1 ou 1') réalisées à partir d'un matériau conducteur électrique, chaque borne comprenant un corps en U sensiblement planaire (2) des première et seconde branches (2 et 4) et une embase (5) ainsi qu'une portion (10, 10', 10'', 24) destinée à la connexion électrique avec l'autre élément de circuit, au moins une branche (3) présentant une

portion de contact (6) réalisée à proximité de son extrémité libre pour réaliser une interface électrique avec le conducteur de câble lorsque ledit câble est reçu dans la fente du boîtier et dans la zone comprise entre les deux branches, et, dans la zone entre les deux branches, ladite borne comprenant en outre des moyens de montage (8, 9) coopérant avec le boîtier (11) pour immobiliser une borne dans celui-ci,

la portion de contact (6) présentant une surface de contact (7 ou 23) disposée sensiblement perpendiculairement et en saillie par rapport au plan de la première branche (3),

ledit autre bras (4) présentant une portion saillante latérale (8) faisant un angle droit avec le plan de l'autre branche,

chaque cavité de réception de borne (12) comprenant une portion de support de bornes (13) située au voisinage immédiat de la fente de réception de câble (17'),

ladite portion saillante (8) étant reçue sur un côté de la portion de support de bornes (13), caractérisé en ce que la portion saillante latérale (8) s'étend sensiblement sur toute la longueur de la seconde branche (4), la portion de support de bornes (13) délimite une fente en L qui débouche dans la fente de réception de câble (17') et la portion de contact (6) a sa surface de contact (16 ou 23) sollicitée contre l'autre côté de la portion de support de contact (13),

les conducteurs (21) dudit câble étant adaptés pour être reçus dans la fente (17') de façon que chaque conducteur soit disposé entre une des surfaces de contact (7 ou 23) et une des portions de support de contact (13).

2. Ensemble de connexion selon la revendication 1, dans lequel chaque portion de support de contact (13) comprend une surface de support de conducteur (14) délimitant un côté de la fente (17'), chaque conducteur étant disposé entre une surface de contact (17) et une surface de support de conducteur (14).

3. Ensemble de connexion selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel les moyens de montage comprennent une patte de blocage (9) faisant saillie sur la portion saillante (8) et adaptée pour être reçue dans une ouverture (16) pratiquée sur le côté du boîtier (11) pour immobiliser la borne dans sa cavité de réception de borne respective (17).

4. Ensemble de connexion selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel la portion de connexion électrique avec un autre élément de circuit est une queue à souder (10, 10', 10'').

5. Ensemble de connexion selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel la portion de connexion électrique avec un autre élément de circuit est un tronçon de sertissage (24) apte à recevoir un conducteur mis à nu.

6. Ensemble de connexion selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel la portion (10) de connexion électrique avec l'autre élément de circuit est portée par une extrémité ou l'autre de l'embase (5) de façon que lesdites portions (10', 10'') soient décalées lorsqu'elles dépassent le boîtier.



7. Ensemble de connexion selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lequel la surface de contact (23) est courbée en arc.

8. Ensemble de connexion selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel la portion de connexion électrique avec l'autre élément de circuit est une queue à souder (10, 10') s'étendant depuis la portion saillante (8) à son extrémité voisine ou éloignée de l'embase (5), les deux sortes de bornes différentes étant montées de manière

alternée dans les cavités de réception de bornes, les queues à souder (10, 10') faisant saillie respectivement des extrémités opposées du boîtier (11), les queues à souder étant pliées dans une même direction pour réaliser un ensemble de connexion dont la fente de réception de câble (17') vient se situer sensiblement parallèlement à une plaque à circuit imprimé (20) destiné à recevoir les queues à souder (10, 10').

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