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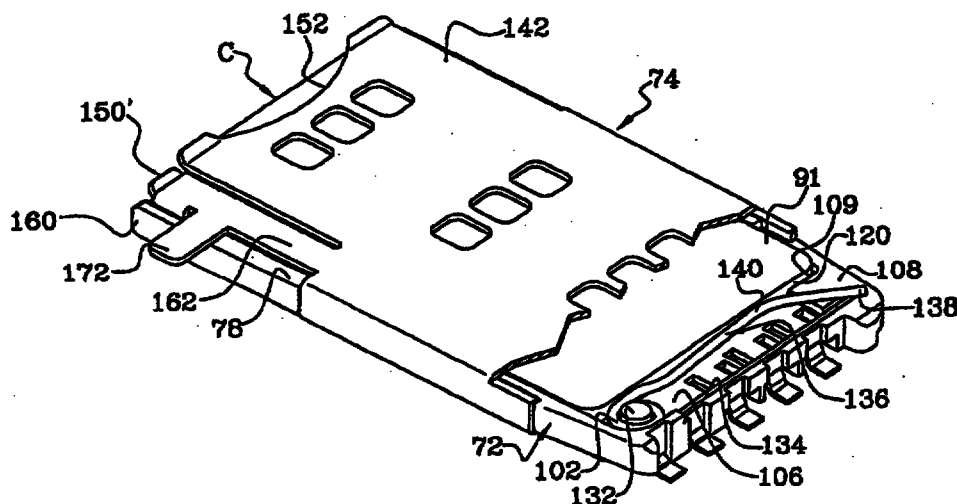
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(57) Abstract

The invention proposes an electrical connector (70), for the connection of a card (C), comprising a support (72) made of insulating material which has a housing which at least partly accommodates the card (C) having, on its lower main face, conducting pads which engage with electrical contact elements, these contact elements being arranged in the bottom of the housing, when the card (C) is in its contact position, and of the type comprising a fitted cover (74), the upper wall (142) of which extends above the upper face of the insulating support (72) of the connector (70), characterised in that the rear transverse edge (120) of the card (C) is permanently stressed by a spring (130) for ejecting the card from the connector (70) and in that the cover (74) has a retractable device (160, 162) for retaining the card (C) in the position it is in after being inserted into the connector (70).