

Title (en)  
Improvements in and relating to multi-row electrical connectors and methods of making same.

Title (de)  
Vielreihige elektrische Steckverbinder und Verfahren zur Herstellung derselben.

Title (fr)  
Connecteurs électriques à plusieurs rangées et procédé pour fabriquer ceux-ci.

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Abstract (en)  
A multi-row electrical connector (10) which mates with an array of pins (12a) includes a housing (26) having top and bottom rows of elongated terminal receiving cavities (28,30). Each cavity has a pin receiving opening (50) in the forward end thereof, said pin receiving openings being in the same configuration as the pin array (12a). A plurality of terminals (32) are mounted in the cavities (28,30) with each terminal having a pin engaging portion (34) at the forward end and a wire engaging portion (36) at the rearward end. The wire engaging portion (36) of each terminal includes insulation displacement slots (38). The cavities (28) of the top row are staggered with respect to the cavities (30) of the bottom row and the adjacent top row cavities (28) are spaced apart from one another. Slots (54) are formed in the tops of the cavities (28,30) to expose the wire engaging portions (36) of the terminals (32). The wire engaging portions (36) of the terminals (32) received in the bottom row cavities (30) are accessible between adjacent top row cavities (28) so that all the terminals of both rows can be mass terminated from the top of the connector. The housing (26) is made up of a plurality of modules, each module including at least one top row cavity (28) and at least one bottom row cavity (30). The modules are connected together by means of selectively removable module connecting members (72,74). A desired number of modules is selected from a modular housing structure to form the housing (26).

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