

Title (en)  
Electrical connector capable of exerting a selectively variable contact force

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Elektrischer Steckverbinder mit variabler Kontaktierungskraft

Title (fr)  
Connecteur électrique avec force de contact variable

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP1158619A2] An electrical connector (11) for mating with a male contact of a mating connector is capable of exerting a selectively variable contact force. The electrical connector (11) includes a conducting member (20) having a lead (26) and a contact beam (24a, 24b) electrically coupled to the lead (26). The contact beam (24a, 24b) is adapted to resiliently engage the male contact. The electrical connector (11) further comprises a contact housing (15). At least a portion of the lead (26) is disposed within the contact housing (15). At least a portion of the contact beam (24a, 24b) is disposed within the contact housing (15) so that the contact beam (24a, 24b) is urged into and restrained by the contact housing (15) when the contact beam (24a, 24b) resiliently engages the male contact. A contact force is thereby generated between the contact beam (24a, 24b) and the contact pin (28). The contact housing (15) is capable of being selectively positioned in relation to the contact beam (24a, 24b) so that a point of restraint on the contact beam (24a, 24b) is selectively variable. The contact force between the contact beam (24a, 24b) and the male contact can thereby be varied on a selective basis. <IMAGE>

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