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(54) Electrical connector

(57)A cost-saving electrical connector (1) is provided in which latch members (14) are easily installed. The electrical connector (1) is arranged to be connected with a counterpart connector and includes an insulating housing (13) containing contacts arranged in rows. The electrical connector (1) has latch members (14) which each include a rotary section provided with a rotary-shaft forming piece (144). The rotary-shaft forming piece (144) has a sheared and folded substantially U-shaped part . Each latch member (14) also has multiple arc-shaped edges (143a,143b) in its periphery, and the rotary section includes an integral locking section (141) which is arranged to lock to the counterpart connector. The insulating housing (13) includes a circular concave section (13b) which receives and rotatably supports the rotary-shaft forming piece (144), and an abutment section (136b) provided peripherally with respect to the circular concave section (13b) for abutting the arc-shaped edges (143a,143b) of the latch member (14).

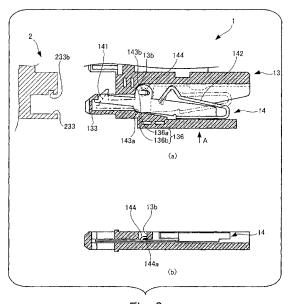


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