



The revolutionary AX series of XLR connectors introduce an exciting contemporary look and feel to the professional audio interconnect market. They are designed to complement modern audio architecture and truly "fit" within their environment. An impressive list of features guarantees pure sound performance in the most demanding applications providing unrivalled value.

## Features

- Unique Australian designed shell and housing.
- One piece ground / latch spring design incorporating twin wipe contacts for a direct connection path from mating shell to ground providing enhanced connection and EMI performance.
- Ergonomic sleeve design for improved grip.
- Channel I.D capability with coloured or clear sleeves.
- Oversized ergonomic latch for quick and easy mating.
- Leading first mate last break pin 1 on socket connectors.
- Chuck style cable clamp to suit 3mm - 8mm (0.118" - 0.314") cable O.D. with integrated split to allow inclusion after soldering.
- Concealed latching point for improved aesthetics, sealing and strength.
- Overmolded boot with flex bend relief for improved aesthetics, cable protection and boot retention.
- Concentric socket contact design provides optimal contact resistance
- Precision machined pin contacts as standard.
- Compact 2.5mm<sup>2</sup> (14AWG) solder buckets to reduce termination time and material wastage during the soldering process.
- Zinc diecast shell housing for robustness and wear with Satin nickel or Black finish.

## Options

- Coloured I.D sleeves.
- Clear I.D Sleeve for connector marking.
- Satin nickel or Black shell finish.
- Single or Bulk packaging.
- Gold plated contacts.

## Ordering Codes

We have listed the more common ordering codes in each section. For further options please refer to the part number breakdown charts. Please contact us if you need any further assistance.

## AX SERIES XLR CABLE CONNECTORS



### Simple steps to guide you in using this catalogue

- 1) Identify the product group listed in Contents on Page 1 and go directly to that page number.
- 2) Each product group cover page then details information and options available.
- 3) Refer to the product detail pages and identify the product you require pictorially.
- 4) Read the product description column for the products standard features.
- 5) Use variations column to determine your choice.
- 6) Identify part number.
- 7) In the event the particular option you require is not listed please refer to the part number breakdown page at the end of each section.
- 8) Please contact us directly if you have any further problems.



**Features:**

- Unique Australian designed shell and housing.
- Ergonomic stylish sleeve design for improved grip.
- Oversized latch lever preserves your thumb.
- Leading first mate last break pin 1 on socket connectors.
- Chuck style cable clamp to suit 3mm - 8mm (0.118" - 0.314") cable O.D. with integrated split to allow inclusion after soldering.
- Overmolded cable support boot.
- New socket contact design for improved contact resistance.
- Precision machined pin contacts as standard.
- Compact 2.5mm<sup>2</sup> (14AWG) solder buckets to reduce soldering time and wastage.
- Zinc diecast shell housing with Satin nickel or Matt black finish.

**Options:**

- Coloured I.D sleeves.
- Clear I.D Sleeve for connector marking.
- Satin nickel or Matt black shell finish.
- Single or Bulk packaging.

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PRODUCT - FIGURE	DRAWING Dimensions in mm (inches)	DESCRIPTION	VARIATIONS	PART NUMBER
		XLR 3 pole male Machined contacts Nickel Finish	Standard Gold Plated Contacts Bulk Pack	AX3M AX3M-AU AX3M BULK
		XLR 3 pole male Machined contacts Black Finish	Standard Gold Plated Contacts Bulk Pack	AX3MB AX3MB-AU AX3MB BULK
		XLR 3 pole female Stamped contacts Nickel Finish	Standard Gold Plated Contacts Bulk Pack	AX3F AX3F-AU AX3F BULK
		XLR 3 pole female Stamped contacts Black Finish	Standard Gold Plated Contacts Bulk Pack	AX3FB AX3FB-AU AX3FB BULK
		XLR 4 pole male Machined contacts Nickel Finish	Standard Gold Plated Contacts Bulk Pack	AX4M AX4M-AU AX4M BULK

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PRODUCT - FIGURE	DRAWING Dimensions in mm (inches)	DESCRIPTION	VARIATIONS	PART NUMBER
		XLR 4 pole male Machined contacts Black Finish	Standard	AX4MB
			Gold Plated Contacts	AX4MB-AU
			Bulk Pack	AX4MB BULK
		XLR 4 pole female Machined contacts Nickel Finish	Standard	AX4F
			Gold Plated Contacts	AX4F-AU
			Bulk Pack	AX4F BULK
		XLR 4 pole female Machined contacts Black Finish	Standard	AX4FB
			Gold Plated Contacts	AX4FB-AU
			Bulk Pack	AX4FB BULK
		XLR 5 pole male Machined contacts Nickel Finish	Standard	AX5M
			Gold Plated Contacts	AX5M-AU
			Bulk Pack	AX5M BULK
		XLR 5 pole male Machined contacts Black Finish	Standard	AX5MB
			Gold Plated Contacts	AX5MB-AU
			Bulk Pack	AX5MB BULK
		XLR 5 pole female Machined contacts Nickel Finish	Standard	AX5F
			Gold Plated Contacts	AX5F-AU
			Bulk Pack	AX5F BULK
		XLR 5 pole female Machined contacts Black Finish	Standard	AX5FB
			Gold Plated Contacts	AX5FB-AU
			Bulk Pack	AX5FB BULK

## ISO VIEW OF AX SERIES XLR CABLE CONNECTOR

One piece ground / latch spring design incorporating twin wipe contacts for a direct connection path from mating shell to ground providing enhanced connection and EMI performance

Precision socket contacts with compact solder buckets reduce termination time and material wastage during soldering.

Leading first mate last break socket contact (Pin 1)

Ground solder tag.

Concentric socket contact design provides optimal contact resistance

Oversized ergonomic latch for quick and easy mating

Chuck style cable clamp c/w split opening for the widest cable acceptance range

O-ring provides vibration resistance and sealing.

Overmolded boot with flex bend relief for improved aesthetics, cable protection and boot retention.

Ergonomic sleeve with integrated expansion ring. Channel I.D capability.

Zinc Diecast Shell for robustness and wear resistance.

Concealed latching point for improved aesthetics, sealing and strength.

Ground solder tag.

Precision Machined Pin contacts with compact solder buckets reduce termination time and material wastage during soldering.





## PART NUMBER BREAKDOWN

### METAL SHELL TYPE - SOLDER

E. G. **AX3MB2-AU BULK**  
**AX** (Series Prefix), **3** contacts, **M**ale, **B**lack Finish,  
**2** (Red Sleeve)- **AU** (Gold Plated Contacts), **BULK** Packaged.



<b>SERIES PREFIX</b>	AX	=	Series Prefix
<b>CONTACT LAYOUTS</b>	3	=	3 Contacts
	4	=	4 Contacts
	5	=	5 Contacts
<b>GENDER</b>	F	=	Female Socket Contacts
	M	=	Male Pin Contacts
<b>SHELL FINISH</b>	Blank	=	Nickel Plated Finish
	B	=	Black Finish
<b>SLEEVE OPTION</b>	1	=	Brown
	2	=	Red
	3	=	Orange
	4	=	Yellow
	5	=	Green
	6	=	Blue
	7	=	Violet
	8	=	Grey
	9	=	White
	C	=	Clear
<b>CONTACT PLATING</b>	Blank	=	Standard Plating ( Silver or Tin - Refer to Standard Data.)
	AU	=	Gold Plated
<b>PACKAGING</b>	Blank	=	Individual Bags
	BULK	=	Bulk Packed



## STANDARD DATA AX SERIES CABLE CONNECTORS

		VALUE		
<b>GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Number of contacts	3	4	5
	AC Series Contact Arrangements (Front view of pin inserts)			
	Termination	SOLDER		
	Max. Wire Gauge - Stranded wire: Solder	14AWG	16AWG	18AWG
	Flammability rating of insulator plastics and housings	UL94V-0		
	Environmental	Complies with RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC		
<b>ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Service Voltage RMS	133V <sup>1)</sup>		
	Test Voltage AC RMS	1400V		
	Current carrying capacity: Solder	15A	10A	7.5A
	Typical Contact Resistance	≤3m Ω		
	Insulation Resistance	≥1G Ω		
<b>CLIMATIC CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Protection Class	IP40		
	Operating Temperature	-25 °C to +75 °C (-13°F to +167°F)		
<b>MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Insertion and Withdrawal force	≥10N - ≤30N		
	Weight <sup>2)</sup>	31g (0.068lb)	33g (0.073lb)	33g (0.073lb)
	Typical Cable retention force	22Kg to 44Kg (50lb to 100lb) - Dependent on cable material and diameter.		
	Cable O.D. range	3mm to 8mm (0.118" to 0.314")		
	Mechanical Operations	1000 mating cycles		
<b>MATERIALS</b>	Connector shell - Metal Shell finish	Diecast Zinc Alloy Satin nickel or Black		
	Insulators	UL94V-0 PA66, 30% Glass Filled		
	Boot / Backshell Finish	UL94V-0 Noryl N190 / Santoprene Black, other colours available - see page 80		
	Cable clamp	Noryl N190		
	Sleeve	Noryl N190		
	Male Contact Machined - Solder / Plating	Brass / Silver or Gold (Optional)		
	Female Contact Stamped - Solder / Plating	Phosphor Bronze / Tin or Gold (Optional)		

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<sup>1)</sup> Not suitable for domestic applications above 50V

<sup>2)</sup> Approximate weight only, does not include packaging. Please contact us for exact weight for shipping purposes.