

**MIL-C-38999
Series III****Product Facts**

- Self-locking plugs with 2:1 differential uncoupling/coupling torque for high vibration environments
- Triple lead acme thread for quick disconnect
- Positive metal-to-metal bottoming for improved shell-to-shell conductivity
- Patented "frustum" insert retention system to withstand high G-loads during shock and vibration
- 360° accessory teeth for improved vibration performance
- Sealing grommets accept a wide range of wire diameters
- "Cork and bottle" interfacial seals around each contact
- Closed entry socket contacts to prevent probe damage
- Thermocouple pin and socket contacts are available, consult AMP for specifications



Severe environments encountered in modern commercial and military aircraft require connectors whose performance is improved over that provided by general purpose connectors. An improved threaded connector that will withstand a 2000°F [1093°C] flame test for 20 minutes has been developed by Matrix Science Corporation and qualified to MIL-C-38999 Series III. It provides "one turn" coupling and disconnect through the use of a self-locking acme thread, while still meeting the new environment stress requirements.

These connectors feature positive metal-to-metal bottoming, precluding relative shell-to-shell motion which may result in ordinary connector wear or moisture entrapment.

The development of these self-locking connectors does away with the need for safety wiring. The unique, patented, ratcheting device is the next generation of self-lockers. Being a simple, integral design, it is inherently superior to ball-and-spring, and tang-lock designs.

These connectors are offered in square flange (front and rear mount) and jam nut mount

receptacles. All plugs provide EMI/RFI shielding up to 10 GHz through use of positive shell-to-shell annular spring fingers. A wide range of shell sizes, contact arrangements and polarization options are also available.

The rear accessory threads are metric, as specified in MIL-C-38999. This results in additional wall thickness, giving greater strength and shock resistance. This is particularly important when heavier or shielded backshells are required for particular applications.

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Performance Specifications

Voltage Rating

	Altitude		Service Rating		
	ft.	m	M	I	II
Sea Level	—	—	1300	1800	2300
50,000	15 240	—	800	1000	1000
70,000	21 336	—	800	1000	1000
100,000	30 480	—	800	1000	1000

Contact Current Rating and Retention

Contact Size*	Current Rating DC Test Amperage	Contact Retention	
		Axial Load	
		lb	N
22D	5.0	10	44.5
20	7.5	15	66.7
16	13.0	25	111.2
12	23.0	25	111.2

*Organize individual circuits to maintain heat rise within operating temperature requirements.

Operating Temperature Range
-65°C to +200°C [-85°F to +392°F]

Durability
Minimum of 500 mating cycles.

Shock and Vibration Requirements
When tested as follows the connector shall sustain no physical damage or electrical discontinuity exceeding 1 microsecond.

MT93 Standard Shock
Pulse of an approximate half sine wave of 300 G magnitude with duration of 3 milliseconds applied in three axes.

MT93 High Impact Shock
When mounted as specified in MIL-S-901, Grade A, a drop of a 400 lb. hammer from 1 foot, 3 feet and 5 feet applied to connector in three axes, totaling nine impacts.

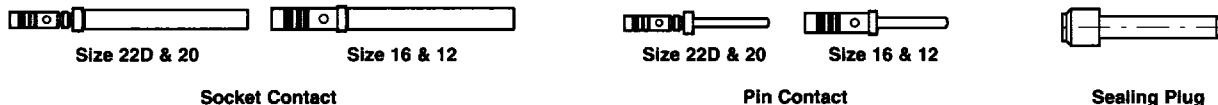
Vibration Sine
Frequency range of 10 to 2000 Hz, in 20 minute sweeps, in 3 axes, with the following variations: (with simulated accessory load)
- Duration: 36 hours total, 12-hour cycles.
- Levels: Velocity of 10 in. per second (10-50 Hz); displacement of 0.06 [1.5] (50-140 Hz) and acceleration of 60 Gs peak (140-2000 Hz) 4 hours of each axis at room ambient -55°C and +200°C

Random
-(without simulated accessory load): 41.7 G RMS for 8 hours in two axes, totaling 16 hours at ambient temperature.
-(with simulated accessory load): 49.5 G RMS for 8 hours in two axes, totaling 16 hours at 200°C.

RFI & EMI
RFI & EMI attenuation at the specified frequency meet the requirements of MIL-C-38999.
RFI shielding effectiveness of mated connectors with RFI backshells is measured in a triaxial radio frequency leakage fixture.
EMI shielding effectiveness is measured at the interface of mated connectors and tested by the MODE STIR procedure specified in method 3008 of MIL-STD-1344.

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Contacts, Sealing Plugs and Assembly Tools



Contact Size	Wire Range		Socket Contacts		Pin Contacts		Sealing Plugs	
	AWG	mm ²	Military Part No.	MATRIX Part No.	Military Part No.	MATRIX Part No.	Military Part No.	MATRIX Part No.
22D	28-22	0.08-0.4	M39029/56-348	5100-101-0122	M39029/58-360	5000-068-0022	MS27488-22	3400-043-0022
20	24-20	0.2-0.6	M39029/56-351	5100-101-0120	M39029/58-363	5000-068-0020	MS27488-20	3400-043-0020
16	20-16	0.5-1.4	M39029/56-352	5100-101-0116	M39029/58-364	5000-068-0016	MS27488-16	3400-043-0016
12	14-12	2-3	M39029/56-353	5100-101-0112	M39029/58-365	5000-068-0012	MS27488-12	3400-043-0012

Crimping Tools

Contact Size	Wire Range		Finished Wire Dia. Range		Contact Type	Military Part No.	
	AWG	mm ²	inch	mm		Crimping Tool	Turret or Positioner
22D			.030-.054	0.76-1.37	P	M22520/2-01	M22520/2-09
					S	M22520/2-01	M22520/2-07
20	24-20	0.2-0.6	.040-.083	1.02-2.11	P&S	M22520/1-01	M22520/1-04
16	20-16	0.5-1.4	.065-.109	1.34-2.62	P&S	M22520/1-01	M22520/1-04
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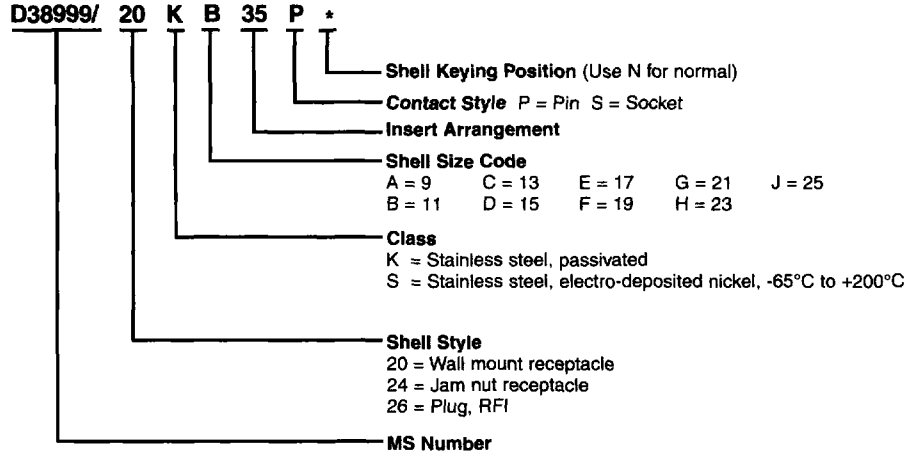
Insertion/Extraction Tools

Contact Size	Color Code	Military Part No.	MATRIX Part No.
22D	Gr./Wh.	M81969/14-01	6500-048-0022
20	Rd./Wh.	M81969/14-10	6500-055-0020
16	Bl./Wh.	M81969/14-03	6500-001-0016
12	Yel./Wh.	M81969/14-04	6500-001-0012

Note: Each connector is furnished with contacts. One spare for inserts requiring 1 to 26 of each contact and two spares for inserts with more than 26 contacts and a minimum of one sealing plug up to 10% of the number of contacts.

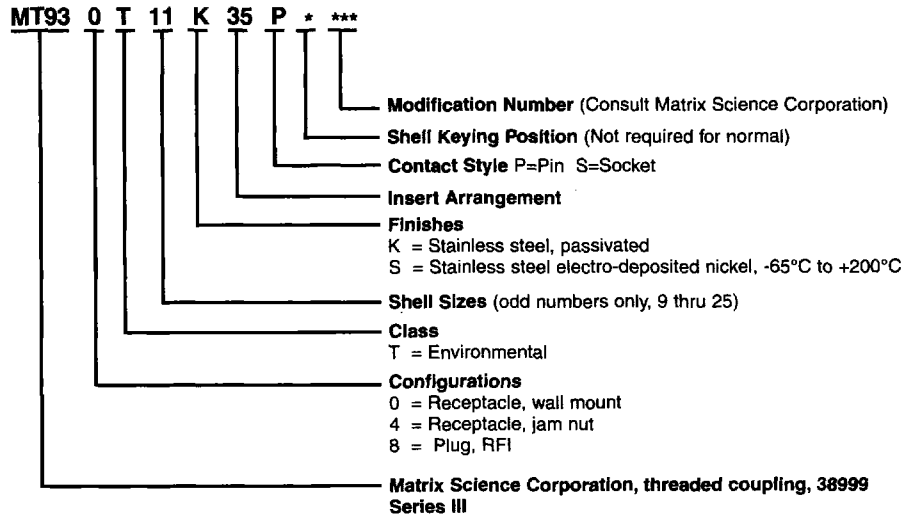
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Military Part Number System



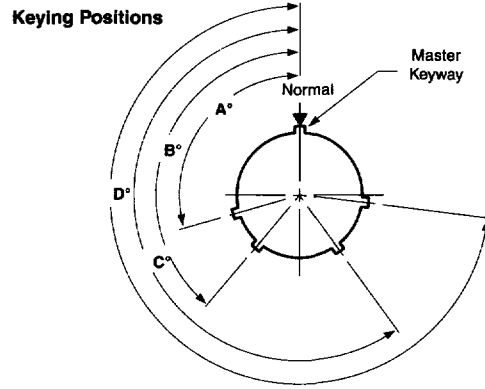
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Polarization

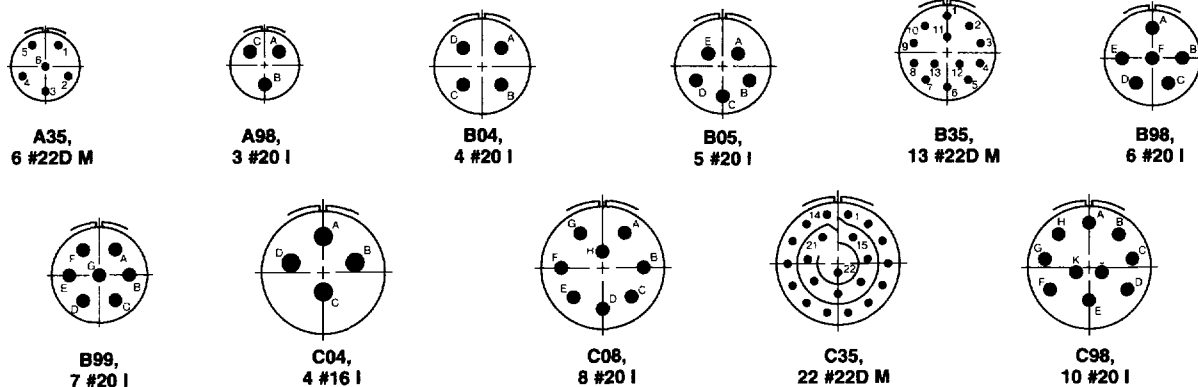
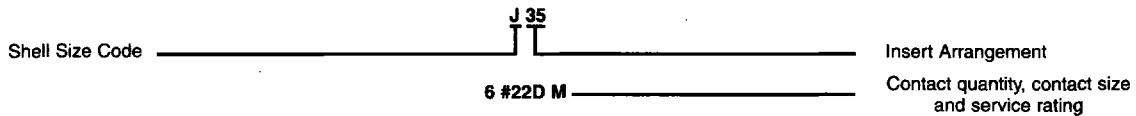


- Notes:**
1. All minor keys are rotated to provide shell polarization: the master key remains fixed as shown.
 2. Mating face of receptacle is shown. Plug is opposite.

Shell Size	Polarizing Positions	Key Locations				Service Rating
		A°	B°	C°	D°	
9	N	105	140	215	265	Refer to Insert Arrangement Captions on next three pages.
	A	102	132	248	320	
	B	80	118	230	312	
	C	35	140	205	275	
	D	64	155	234	304	
11 thru 15	E	91	131	197	240	
	N	95	141	208	236	
	A	113	156	182	292	
	B	90	145	195	252	
	C	53	156	220	255	
17 thru 25	D	119	146	176	298	
	E	51	141	184	242	
	N	80	142	196	293	
	A	135	170	200	310	
	B	49	169	200	244	
	C	66	140	200	257	
	D	62	145	180	280	
	E	79	153	197	272	

Insert Arrangements (Per MIL-STD-1560)

Numbering identification:



Note: Mating face of pin insert is shown, Socket insert is opposite.

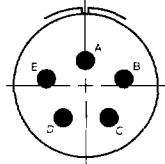
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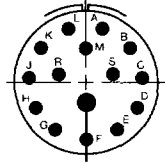
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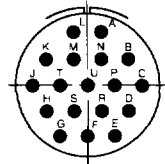
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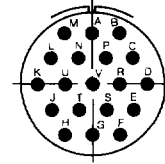
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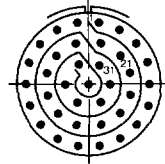
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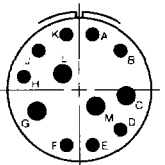
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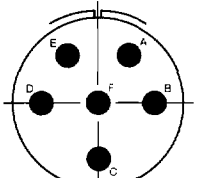
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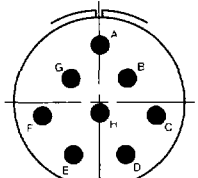
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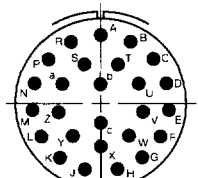
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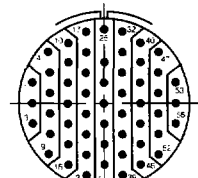
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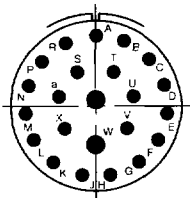
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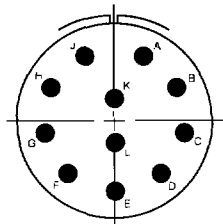
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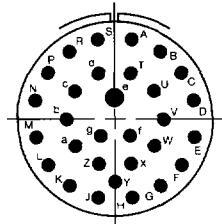
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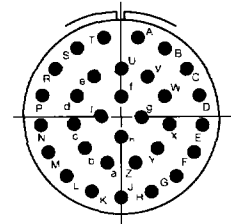
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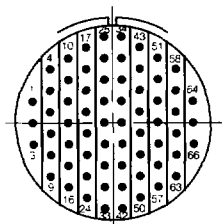
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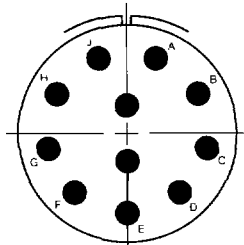
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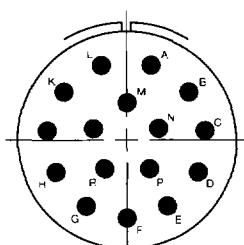
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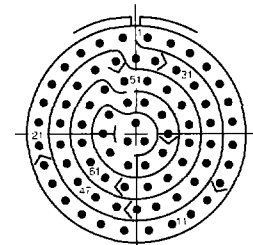
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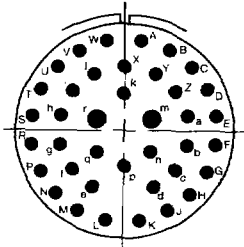


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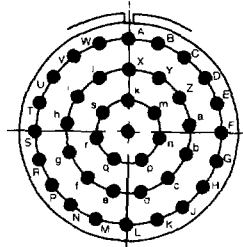
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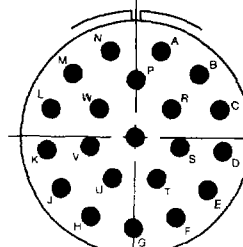
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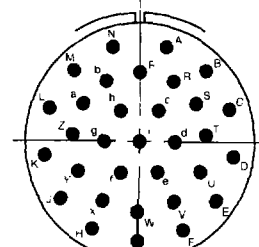
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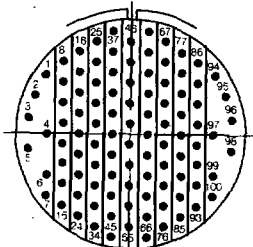
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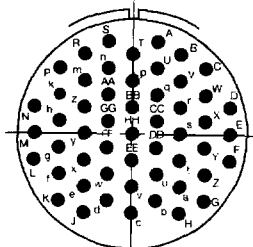
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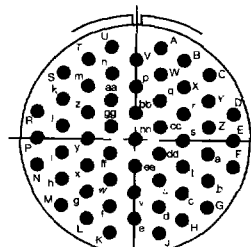
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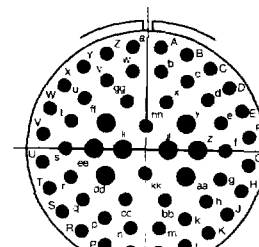
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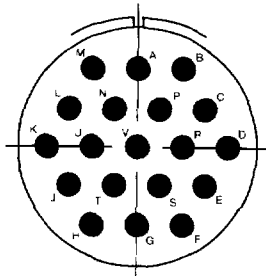
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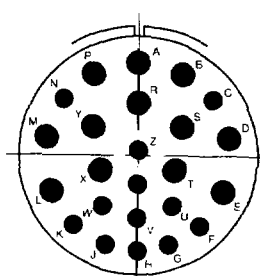
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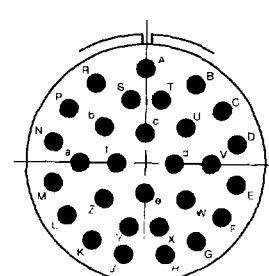
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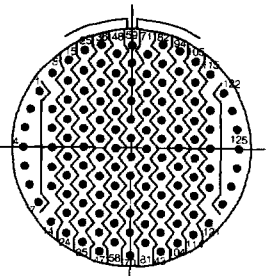
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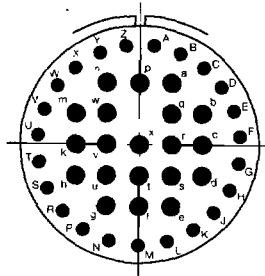
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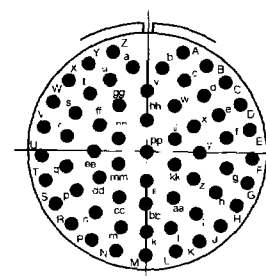
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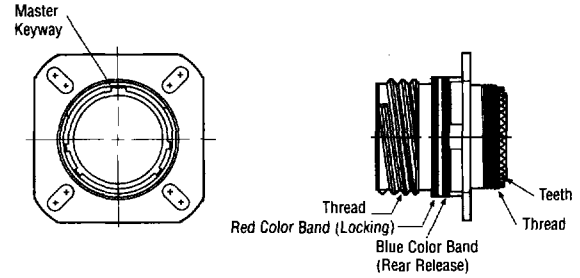
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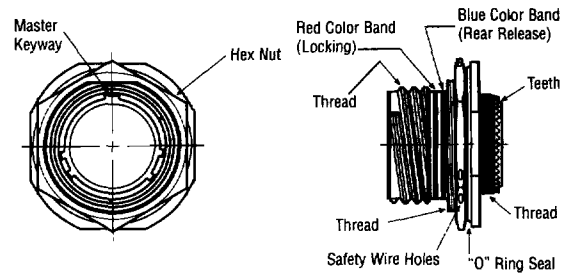
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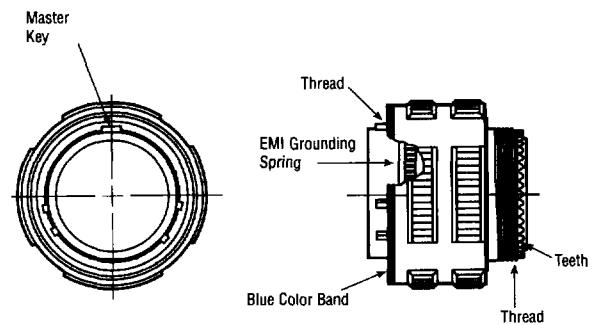
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