

# Series Specifications

TX Series • MIL-DTL-38999 Series III Style Connectors

## Performance Specifications

Built to meet or exceed MIL-DTL-38999 specifications  
Guaranteed fully compatible and interchangeable with respect to physical and performance characteristics with all existing MIL-DTL-38999 Series III commercial, military, NASA, ESA (European Space Agency) derivatives

## Environmental Characteristics

### Temperature Range

-67° to +392°F (-55° to +200°C)  
Service life varies with the maximum internal hot spot temperature resulting from any combination of electrical load or ambient temperature:

77°F (25°C): Continuous  
221°F (105°C): 45,000 hours  
392°F (200°C): 1,000 hours

### Water Pressure

IP67 rating (environmental sealing) when used in conjunction with proper sealing accessories  
Fully submersible to 3.3 ft (1m) for minimum of 30 min

### Air Leakage Rate

#### Environmental

Air leakage not to exceed 1 inch<sup>3</sup>/hr (4.55 x 10<sup>-3</sup> cm<sup>3</sup>/sec) at 30 psi (2.11 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) pressure differential with all contact cavities filled

#### Hermetic

Helium leakage not to exceed 0.01 micron per ft<sup>3</sup>/hr (1.0 x 10<sup>-6</sup> cc<sup>3</sup>/sec) at 15 psi (1.1 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>)  
Hermetic inserts rated up to 14,000 psi (984 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) when precision welded or solder mounted

### Thermal Vacuum Outgassing

Outgassed at high vacuum (5 x 10<sup>-5</sup> torr) for 48 hours at 350°F (176°C); components shall not release greater than 1.0% total mass loss (TML) and 0.1% collected volatile condensable material (CVCM)

### Salt Spray Rating

See Materials & Finishes, p. B-16

### Humidity

Mated connectors shall maintain an insulation resistance of 100 megohms or greater at 77°F (25°C) with 95% humidity for duration of 20 days

### Chemical Resistance to Fluids

20-hour full immersion (unmated) in hydraulic fluid and lubricating oil without damage or material degradation

### Lightning Strike Resistance

Per EIA/ECA-364-75, mated connectors with full wire braid shield assembly will show resistance to indirect lightning strike with the following peak currents (amps):  
Aluminum & Stainless Steel Shells: 10,000A  
Composite Shells: 6,000A (3,000A, shell size 9 only)

## Physical Characteristics

### Coupling

Coupling is achieved by one 360° clockwise turn of the coupling ring, triple-start metric stub thread design, with integrated self-locking ratchet mechanism

### Scoop-Proof

Shell design is 100% scoop-proof to prevent contact raking in blind-mate applications

### Coupling Torque

Engagement & Disengagement Force (max / min)  
Shell Size 9: .67 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.904 N-m) / .08 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.113 N-m)  
Shell Size 11: .83 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (1.13 N-m) / .08 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.113 N-m)  
Shell Size 13: 1.17 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (1.58 N-m) / .17 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.226 N-m)  
Shell Size 15: 1.42 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (1.92 N-m) / .33 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.452 N-m)  
Shell Size 17: 1.92 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (2.60 N-m) / .33 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.452 N-m)  
Shell Size 19: 2.17 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (2.94 N-m) / .33 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.452 N-m)  
Shell Size 21: 2.58 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (3.50 N-m) / .50 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.678 N-m)  
Shell Size 23: 3.16 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (4.29 N-m) / .58 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.791 N-m)  
Shell Size 25: 3.16 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (4.29 N-m) / .58 ft-lb<sub>f</sub> (.791 N-m)

### Polarization

Single master key and keyway on top position of shell  
Four minor keys and keyways on shell

### Insert Arrangements

63 standard, custom inserts available

### Alternate Keying

Normal polarization (N), plus 5 alternate shell keying polarizations (A, B, C, D, E)

## Endurance Characteristics

### Coupling Cycles

500 coupling cycles (minimum)

### Shock

Half-sine wave with 300g's (±15%) magnitude with duration of 3 milliseconds with less than 1 microsecond maximum discontinuity with no cracking, loosening of parts, or other failures

### High-Impact Shock

Per MIL-S-901, a 400 lbs (181 kg) hammer dropped onto assembly from height of 1 ft (30 cm), 3 ft (91 cm), and 5 ft (152 cm) applied to connector assembly in 3 axes, totaling 9 impacts, connector assembly experienced less than 1 microsecond maximum discontinuity with no cracking, loosening of parts, or other failures

### Sine Vibration

Random vibration at 10 to 2,000 Hz (15 g's) experienced less than 1 microsecond maximum discontinuity with no cracking, loosening of parts, or other failures

### Random Vibration

Per MIL-STD-1344, method 205, V & VI or EIA-364-28

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## Material Characteristics

### Shell

#### Environmental

- Aluminum, solid, one piece, seamless construction
- Stainless Steel, solid, one piece, seamless construction
- Composite, solid, one piece, seamless construction

#### Hermetic

- Stainless Steel, solid, one piece, seamless construction

### Shell Plating (Standard Finishes)

#### W Finish

- Electrically conductive cadmium plate finish with an olive drab chromate after-treat for additional corrosion resistance (500 hr salt spray rating)

#### N, G Finish

- Electrically conductive electroless nickel plating (48 hr salt spray rating)

#### K Finish

- Passivated (1,000 hr salt spray rating)

### RFI Grounding Fingers

- Beryllium copper alloy or stainless steel

### Shell Conductivity (Standard Finishes)

- Per MIL-STD-1344, method 3008, maximum conductivity potential drop shall not exceed the following:

#### W Finishes

- 2.5 millivolts across assembly shell-to-shell
- 5.0 millivolts across assembly shell-to-braid

#### N, G, K, KS, L Finishes

- 1.0 millivolts across assembly shell-to-shell
- 3.5 millivolts across assembly shell-to-braid

#### J, M Finishes

- 3.0 millivolts across assembly shell-to-shell
- 6.0 millivolts across assembly shell-to-braid

#### HA, HB Finishes

- 10.0 millivolts across assembly shell-to-shell
- 15.0 millivolts across assembly shell-to-braid

### Magnetic Permeability

- Less than 2.0 mu when measured to EIA-364-54

### Insert

- Glass filled liquid crystal polymer (LCP)
- Non-removable and mechanically bonded to shell

### Hermetic Insert

- Vitreous (glass compression)
- Non-removable and mechanically bonded to shell

### Protective Cover Chain

- Passivated stainless steel, wire rope able to withstand a 25 lb (11.3 kg) tensile force without damage

### Adhesives

- RTV and epoxies

### Grommet, Peripheral Seal, O-Ring, & Interfacial Seal

- Blended fluorosilicone (70%) and silicone (30%) elastomer

## Contact Characteristics

### Contact Design

#### Environmental

- Removable, rear-release crimp contacts

#### Hermetic

- Solder style, permanently bonded to insert

### Contact Sizes

- #8 (Coax, Twinax), #12, #16, #20, #22D

### Contacts Crimp

- Beryllium copper alloy, per ASTM B197

### Contacts Hermetic

- Nickel-iron (Type 52 alloy), per ASTM F30

### Contact Plating

#### Standard Crimp

- Gold plate over nickel, 50 μinches (1.27 μm) minimum

#### High-Cycle Crimp

- Gold plate over nickel, 150 μinches (4.00 μm) minimum

#### Hermetic

- Gold plate over nickel, 50 μinches (1.27 μm) minimum

### Socket Contact Hood

- Stainless steel, passivated

### Max Number of Contacts

- 128 x #22D contacts standard, custom inserts available

### Max Contact Resistance

- Size #22D: 14.6 milliohm maximum
- Size #20: 7.3 milliohm maximum
- Size #16: 3.8 milliohm maximum
- Size #12: 1.7 milliohm maximum
- Size #8: 3.0 milliohm maximum

### Max Voltage Drop

#### Crimp Contacts

- <73 millivolt maximum drop (initial)

#### Hermetic Contacts

- <85 millivolt maximum drop (initial)

### Contact Retention

- Pin and socket contacts are designed to resist severe vibration and repeated connection and disconnection

## Electrical Characteristics

### Current Rating

- 23 amps (test current) at 68°F (20°C)

### Max Operating Voltage

- 900 VAC (RMS) at sea level

### Insulation Resistance

- >5,000 megohms at 77°F (25°C)

### Wire Size

- 12 to 28 (AWG)

### Wire Sealing Range

- Designed for individual wire sealing
- Sealing is only guaranteed if wires meet MIL-W-5086 or within permitted ranges