

**MIL-C-38999
Series III****METRIC**

Severe environments encountered in modern commercial and military aircraft require connectors whose performance is improved over that provided by general purpose bayonet coupling connectors. Threaded coupling connectors have been available but lack the quick disconnect feature of the bayonet connector. An improved threaded connector 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 environmental stress requirements.

The acronym SWAMP is defined by SAE as Severe Wind and Moisture Problems. Increasingly, modern aircraft are encountering these

conditions in wheel wells, engine nacelles and wing tips. SWAMP includes exposure to extreme vibration, shock, fluids, sand dust, and both atmospheric and runway salts. The Series III connector was designed to perform under these conditions.

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

Matrix Science has pioneered the development of self-locking connectors in both MIL-C-5015 and MIL-C-83723 which do 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.

MIL-C-38999 Series III connectors have insert patterns and contacts common to MIL-C-38999 Series I, making for an easy transition from bayonet to the triple-lead, acme-thread, self-locking coupling.

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 | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | 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 Gs RMS for 8 hours in two axes, totaling 16 hours at ambient temperature.

-(with simulated accessory load): 49.5 Gs 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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Pin and Socket Connectors
Military Specified Circular Connectors

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 | 28-22 | 0.08-0.4 | .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 |
| 12 | 14-12 | 2-3 | .097-.142 | 2.46-4.01 | P&S | M22520/1-01 | M22520/1-04 |

Insertion/Extraction Tools

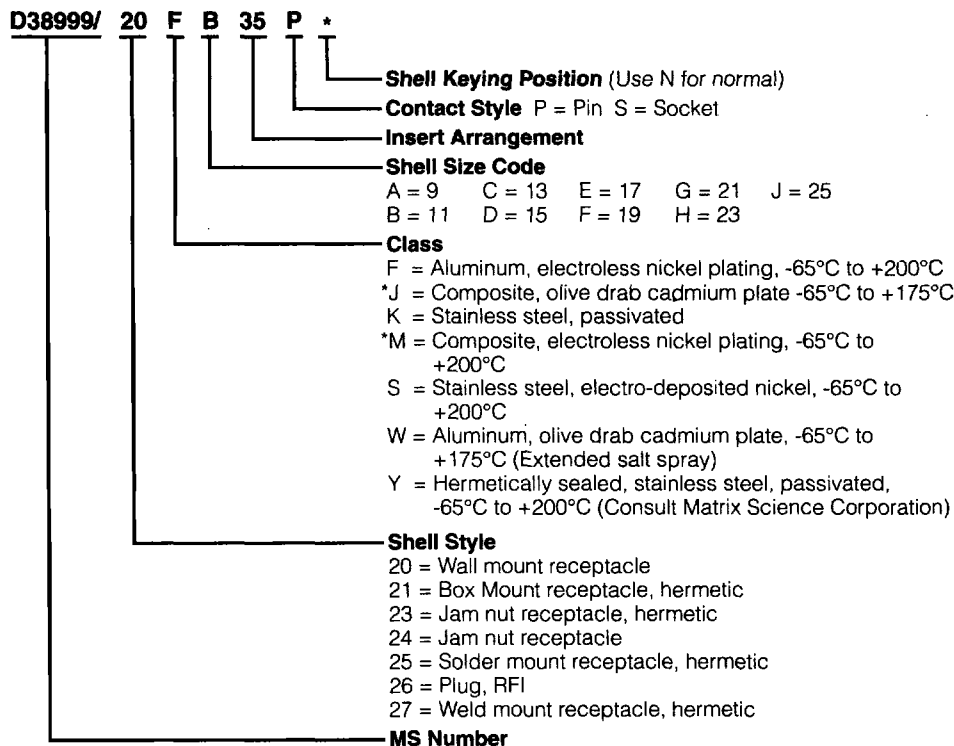
| Contact Size | Color Code | Military Part No. | MATRIX Part No. |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 22D | Gr./Wh. | M81969/14-01 | 6500-048-0022 |
| 20 | Rd./Wh. | M81969/14-10 | 6500-055-0020 |
| 16 | Bl./Wh. | M81969/14-03 | 6500-001-0016 |
| 12 | Yel./Wh. | M81969/14-04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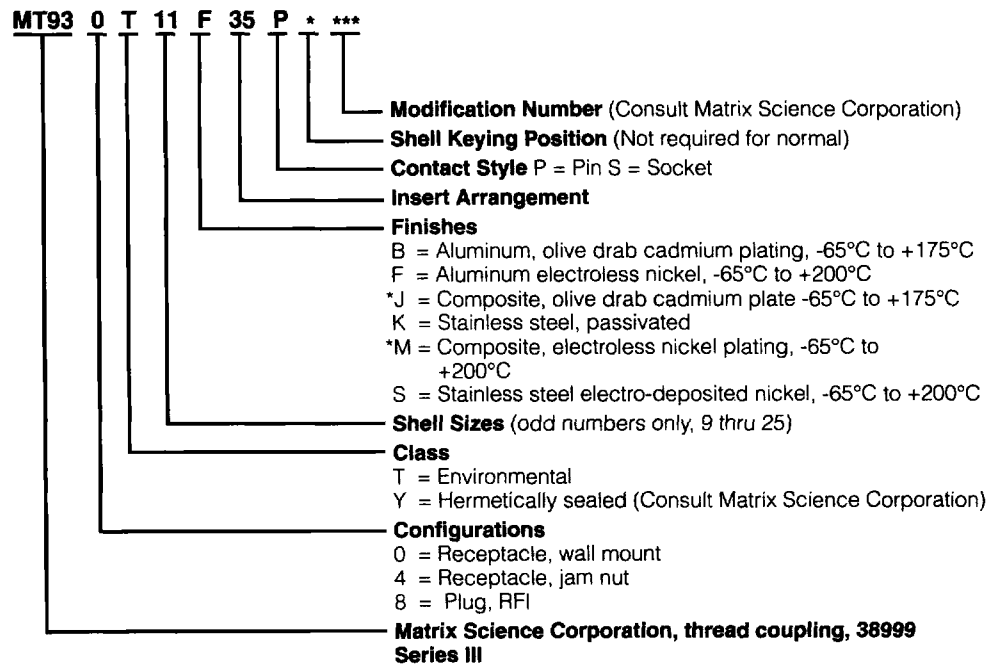
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Military Part Number System



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MATRIX Part Number System



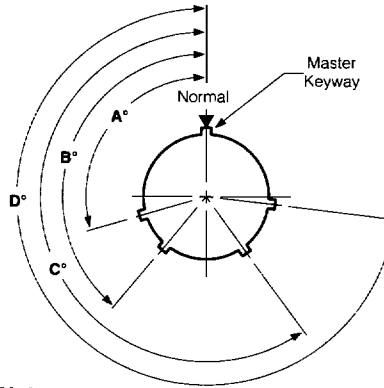
*Consult AMP for availability and dimensional data

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Polarization

Keying Positions

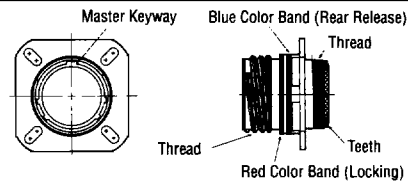


Notes:

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 Pages 2134-2136 |
| | 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 | |

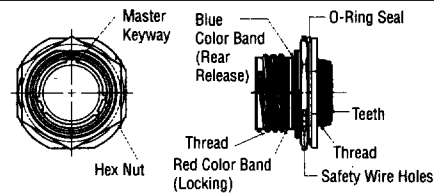
**Receptacle Shell,
Flange Wall Mount,
Acme Thread Coupling**
Military No. D38999/20
MATRIX No. MT930



Shell Size:

- 9
- 11
- 13
- 15
- 17
- 19
- 21
- 23
- 25

**Receptacle Shell,
Jam Nut Mount,
Acme Thread Coupling**
Military No. D38999/24
MATRIX No. MT934



**Plug Shell,
EMI Grounding,
Acme Thread Coupling**
Military No. D38999/26
MATRIX No. MT938

