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**ABSTRACT:** This specification defines the Storage System High Speed Interconnect: a shielded, board-to-board cable assembly and SMT board connector interface. The connector as shown has 18 differential pairs and 16 low speed, single-ended contacts. The cable-side connector is available in horizontal exit, angle exit, and vertical exit applications.

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  - o Dual-Bay Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab
  - o Dual-Bay Free-Side 60° Angle Cable Exit with Pull-Tab
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# 1. Scope

This specification defines the Storage System High Speed Interconnect. This 72-contact interconnect system is a shielded, board-to-board solution that consists of 18 differential pairs and 16 single-ended signals. The dimensional requirements for both sides of this connector system as well as performance requirements are detailed in this specification. Additional information is available in the appendices.

# 2. References and Conventions

## 2.1 Industry Documents

The following documents are relevant to this specification:

- ASME Y14.5                      Dimensioning and Tolerancing
- EIA-364-1000                  Environmental Test Methodology for Assessing the Performance of Electrical Connectors and Sockets Used in Controlled Environment Applications

## 2.2 Sources

The complete list of SFF documents which have been published, are currently being worked on, or that have been expired by the SFF Committee can be found at <https://www.snia.org/sff/specifications>. Suggestions for improvement of this specification will be welcome, they should be submitted to <https://www.snia.org/feedback>.

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## 2.3 Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout this document:

### DEFINITIONS

Certain words and terms used in this standard have a specific meaning beyond the normal English meaning. These words and terms are defined either in the definitions or in the text where they first appear.

### ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

If a conflict arises between text, tables, or figures, the order of precedence to resolve the conflicts is text; then tables; and finally figures. Not all tables or figures are fully described in the text. Tables show data format and values.

### DIMENSIONING CONVENTIONS

The dimensioning conventions are described in ASME-Y14.5, Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing. All dimensions are in millimeters, which are the controlling dimensional units (if inches are supplied, they are for guidance only).

### NUMBERING CONVENTIONS

The ISO convention of numbering is used (i.e., the thousands and higher multiples are separated by a space and a period is used as the decimal point). This is equivalent to the English/American convention of a comma and a period.

American	French	ISO
0.6	0,6	0.6
1,000	1 000	1 000
1,323,462.9	1 323 462,9	1 323 462.9



### 3. Keywords, Acronyms, and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following keywords, acronyms, and definitions apply.

#### 3.1 Keywords

**May/ may not:** Indicates flexibility of choice with no implied preference.

**Shall:** Indicates a mandatory requirement. Designers are required to implement all such mandatory requirements to ensure interoperability with other products that conform to this specification.

**Should:** Indicates flexibility of choice with a strongly preferred alternative.

#### 3.2 Acronyms and Abbreviations

**PCB:** Printed Circuit Board

**PF:** Press Fit

**PTH:** Plated Through Hole

**SMT:** Surface Mount Technology

#### 3.3 Definitions

**Connector:** Each half of an interface that, when joined together, establish electrical contact and mechanical retention between two components. In this specification, the term connector does not apply to any specific gender; it is used to describe the fixed-side, the free-side, or the union of fixed-side to free-side. Other common terms include: connector interface, mating interface, and separable interface.

**Contacts:** A term used to describe connector terminals that make electrical connections across a separable interface.

**Fixed-side connector:** A term used to describe a connector that is terminated to a PCB. In this specification, the fixed-side connector contains the penetrating contacts of the connector interface as shown in Figure 3-1.



**Figure 3-1: Plug and Receptacle Definition**

**Free-side connector:** A term used to describe a connector that is terminated to a bulk cable. In this specification, the free-side connector contains the contacts that accept the fixed-side contacts as shown in Figure 3-1.

**Plated through hole termination:** A term used to describe a termination style in which rigid pins extend into or through the PCB. Pins are soldered to keep the connector or cage in place. Other common terms are through hole or PTH.

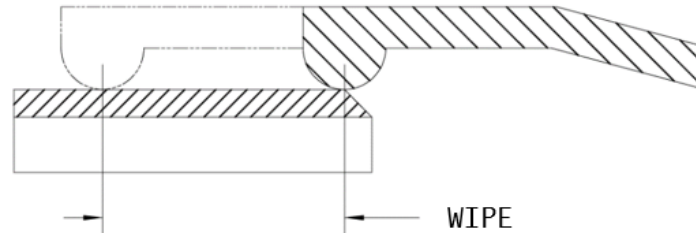
**Press fit:** A term used to describe a termination style in which collapsible pins penetrate the surface of a PCB. Upon insertion, the pins collapse to fit inside the PCB's plated through holes. The connector or cage is held in place by the interference fit between the collapsed pins and the PCB.

**Surface mount:** A term used to describe a termination style in which solder tails sit on pads on the surface of a PCB and are then soldered to keep the connector or cage in place. Other common terms are surface mount technology or SMT.

**Termination:** A term used to describe a connector's non-separable attachment point such as a connector contact to a bulk cable, a cage to a PCB, or a solder tail to PCB. Common PCB terminations include: surface mount (SMT), plated through hole termination (PTH), and press fit (PF). Common cable terminations include insulation displacement contact (IDC), insulation displacement termination (IDT), wire slots, solder, welds, crimps, and brazes.

**Vertical:** A term used to describe a connector design where the mating direction is perpendicular to the printed circuit board upon which the connector is mounted.

**Wipe:** The distance a contact travels on the surface of its mating contact during the mating cycle as shown in Figure 3-2.

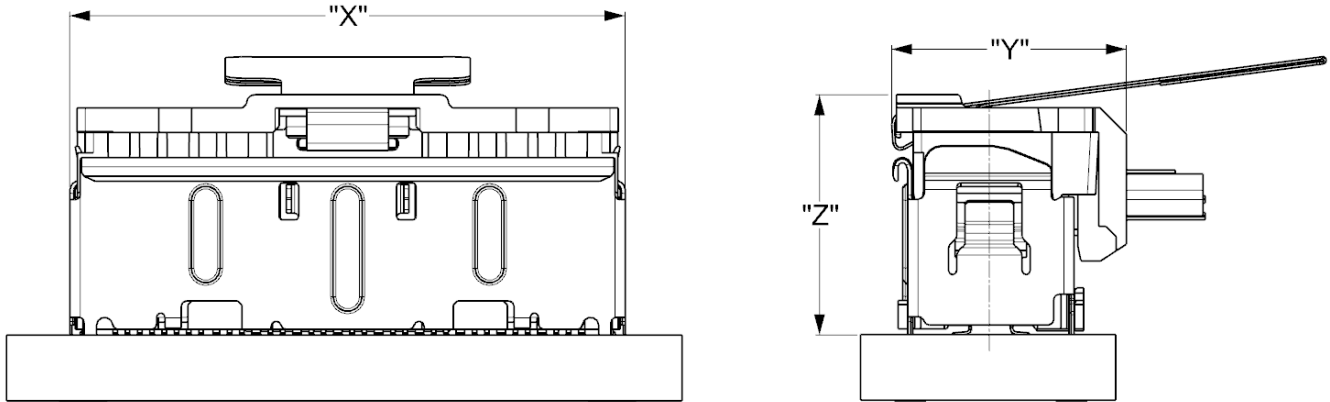


**Figure 3-2: Wipe for a Continuous Contact**

## 4. General Description

### 4.1 Configuration Overview/Descriptions

The connector system described in this document is made up of a fixed-side connector and one of five free-side connectors. Free-side connectors may have one of three different cable exit directions (horizontal (0°), 60°, or vertical (90°) and may or may not have a pull tab.



**Figure 4-1 Overall Dimensions for Connector/Cable Configurations**

**Table 4-1 Overall Dimension Values for Connector/ Cable Configurations**

Configuration	Description	Dim "X"	Dim "Y"	Dim "Z"
1	Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab	27.20	11.43	11.80
2	Free-Side 60° Angle Cable Exit with Pull-Tab		13.00	11.80
3	Free-Side Vertical (90°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab		9.55	14.40
4	Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with NON Pull-Tab		12.75	11.20
5	Free-Side 60° Angle Cable Exit with NON Pull-Tab		13.00	11.20
6	Dual-Bay Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab	53.05	11.60	11.80
7	Dual-Bay Free-Side 60° Angle Cable Exit with Pull-Tab		13.20	11.80

### 4.1.1 Configuration 1: With Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab

This configuration has the cables exiting the connector perpendicular to the direction of mating and parallel to the PCB. It includes a pull tab for unmating of the connector.

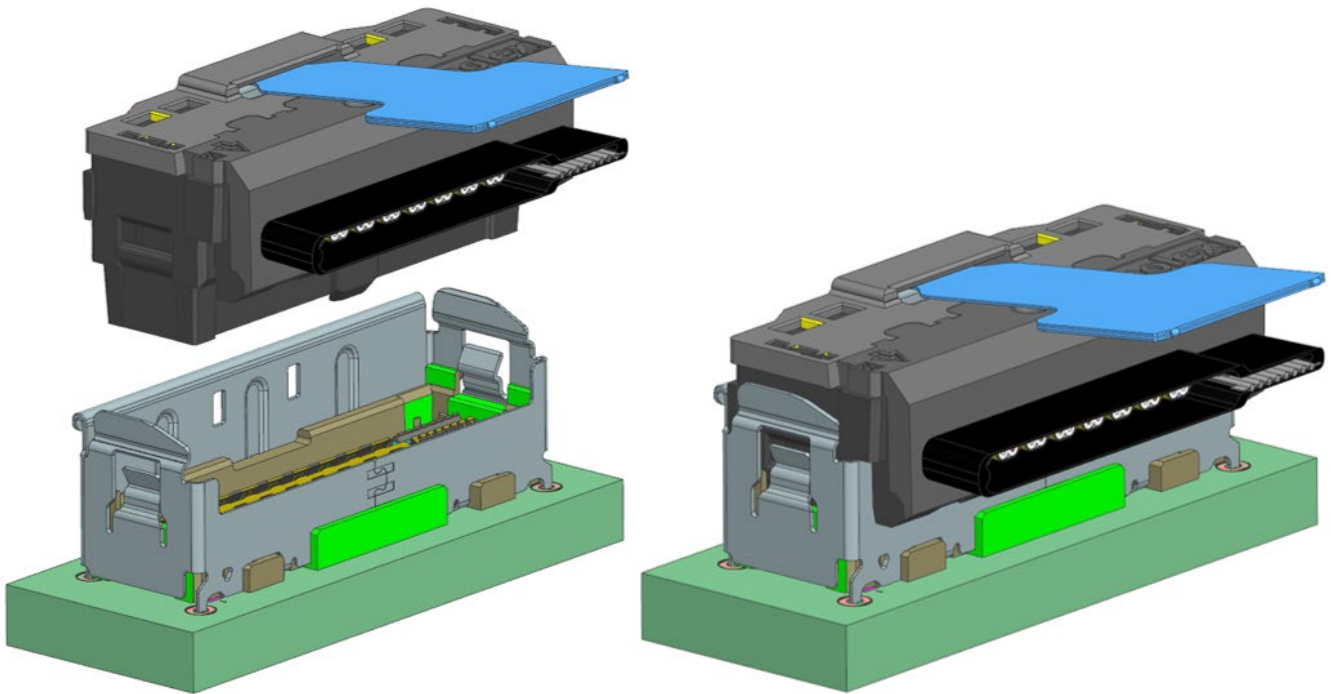


Figure 4-2: Configuration 1- Unmated and Mated

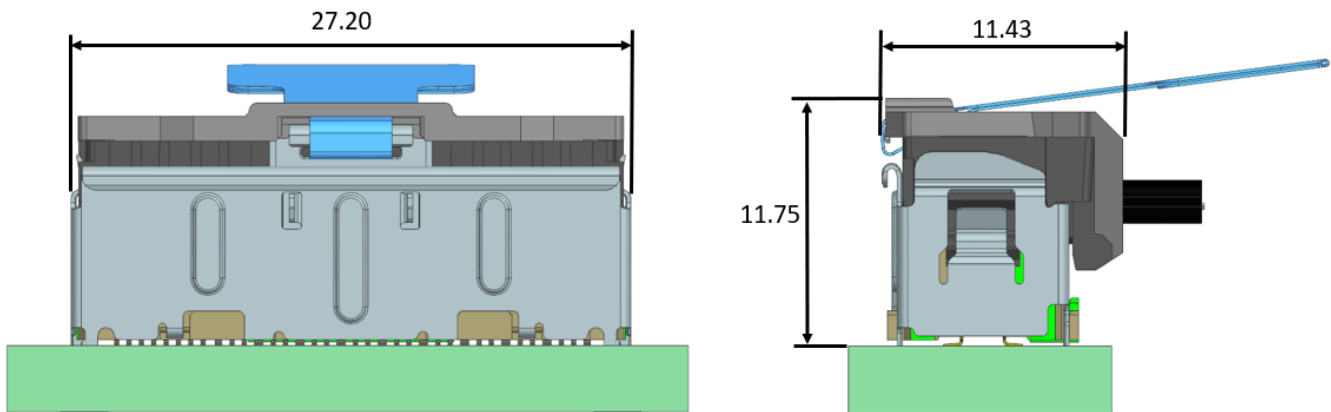


Figure 4-3: Configuration 1- Mated Dimensions

### 4.1.2 Configuration 2: With Free-Side 60° Angle Cable Exit with Pull-Tab

This configuration has the cables exiting the connector at a 60° angle in relation to the PCB. It also includes a pull tab for unmating of the connector.

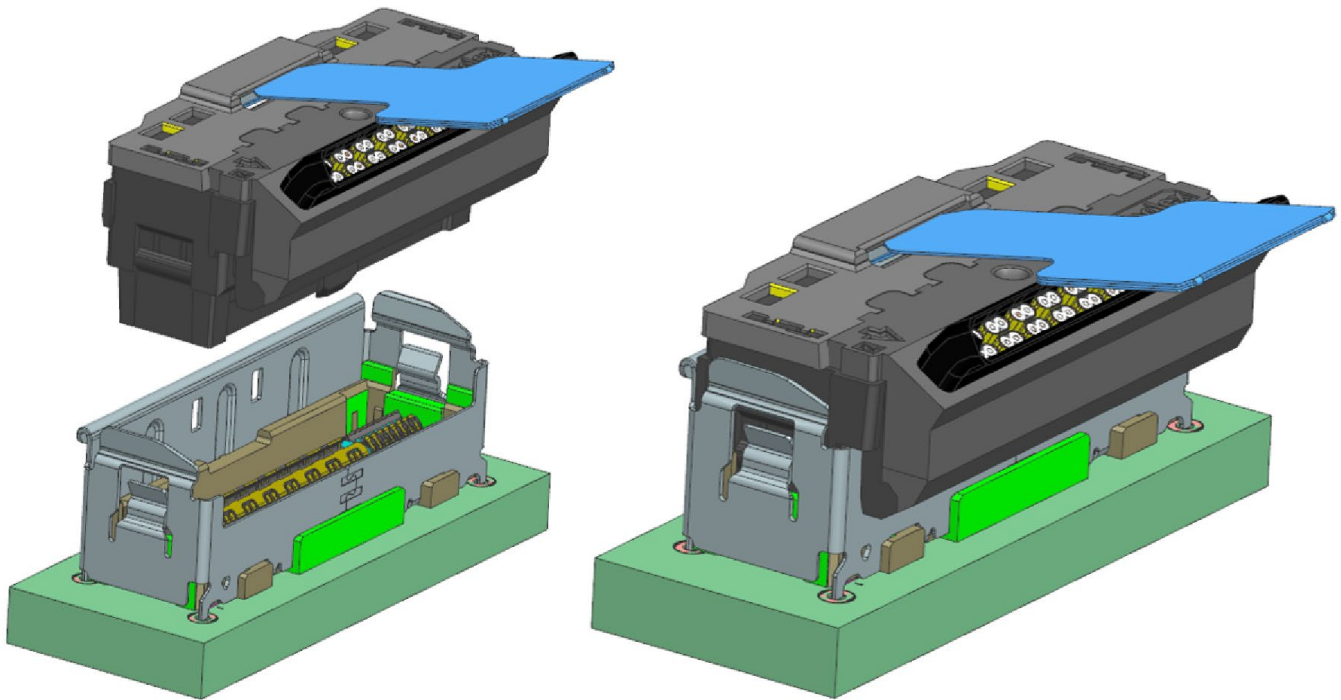


Figure 4-4: Configuration 2- Unmated and Mated

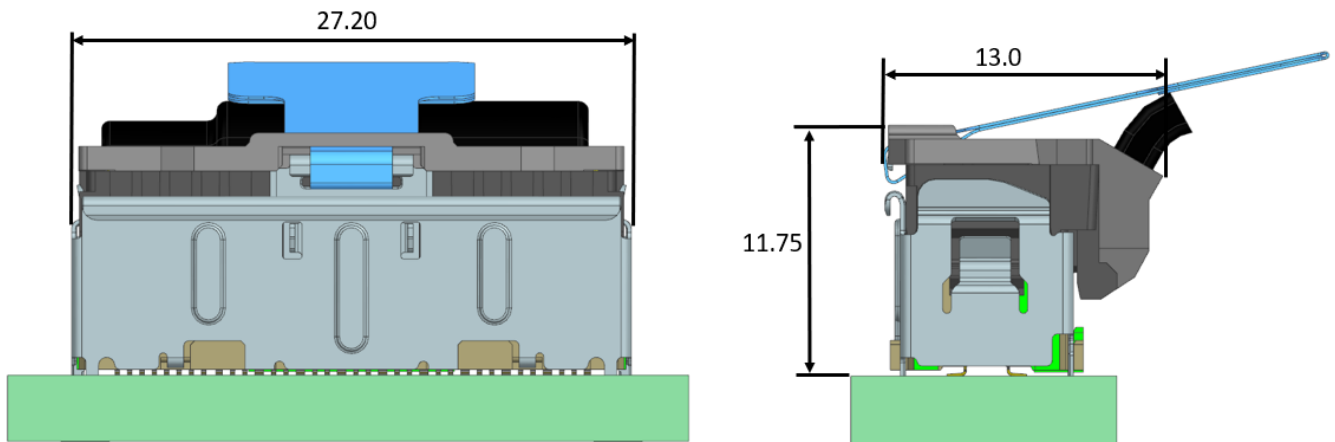


Figure 4-5: Configuration 2- Mated Dimensions

### 4.1.3 Configuration 3: With Free-Side Vertical (90°) Cable Exit

This configuration has the cables exiting the connector parallel to the direction of mating and perpendicular to the PCB. It also includes a pull tab for unmating of the connector. The vertical cable exit is not available without a pull tab.

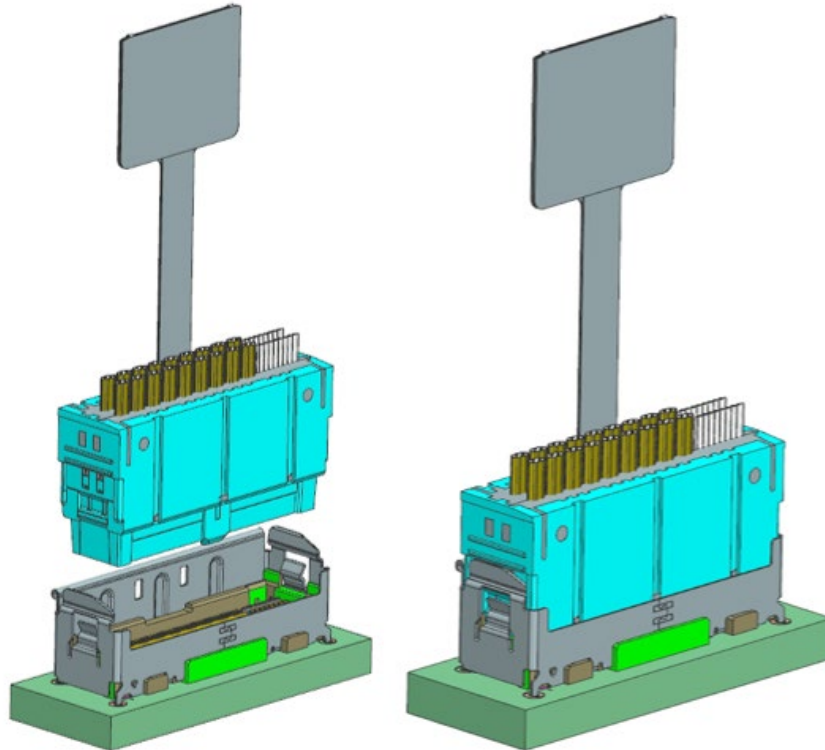


Figure 4-6 Configuration 3- Unmated and Mated

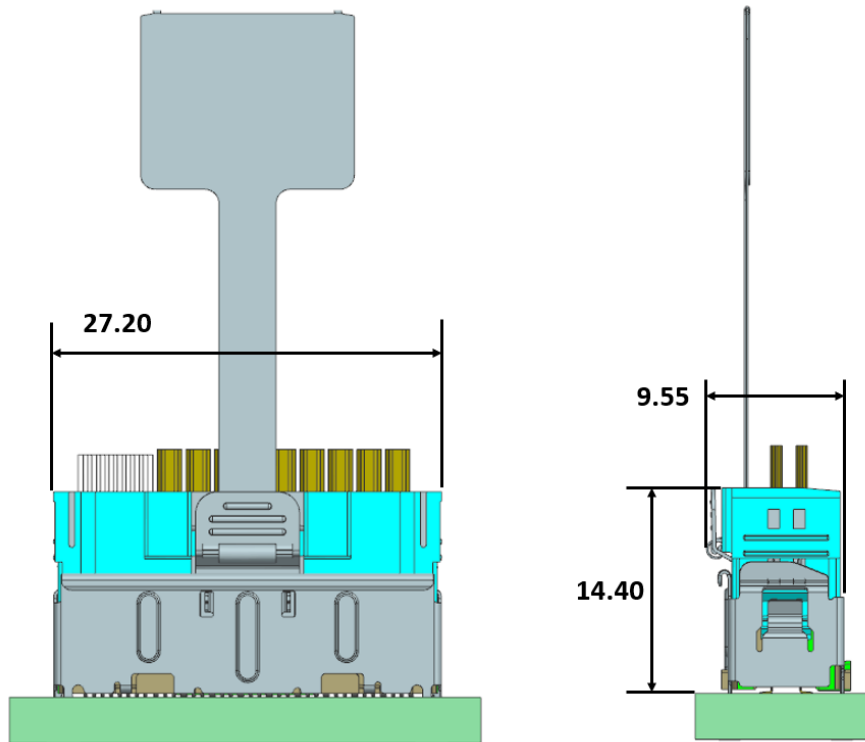


Figure 4-7: Configuration 3- Mated Dimensions

**4.1.4 Configuration 4: With Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit NON Pull-Tab**

This configuration has the cables exiting the connector perpendicular to the direction of mating and parallel to the PCB (same as Configuration 1) except this has a latch that is intended to be pressed by the index finger while grabbing the sides with the thumb and other finger(s).

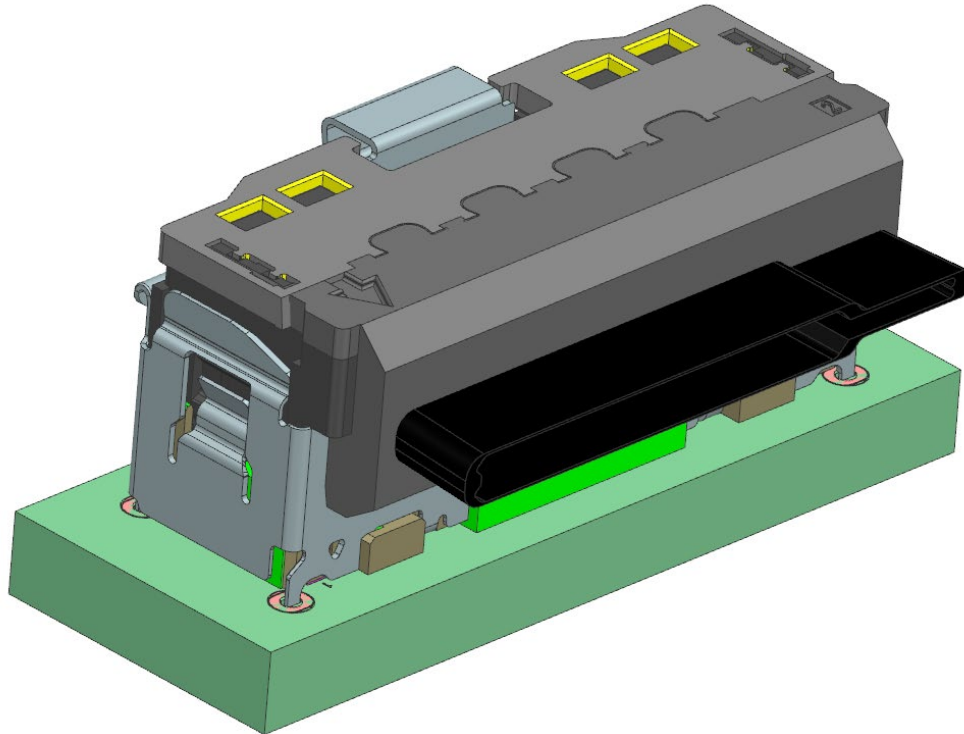


Figure 4-8: Configuration 4- Mated

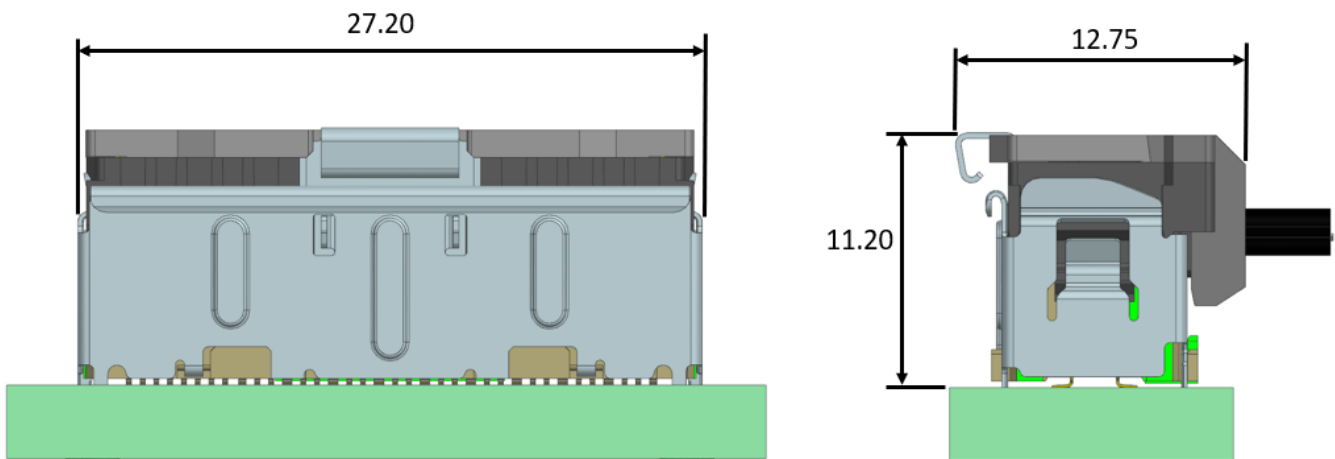
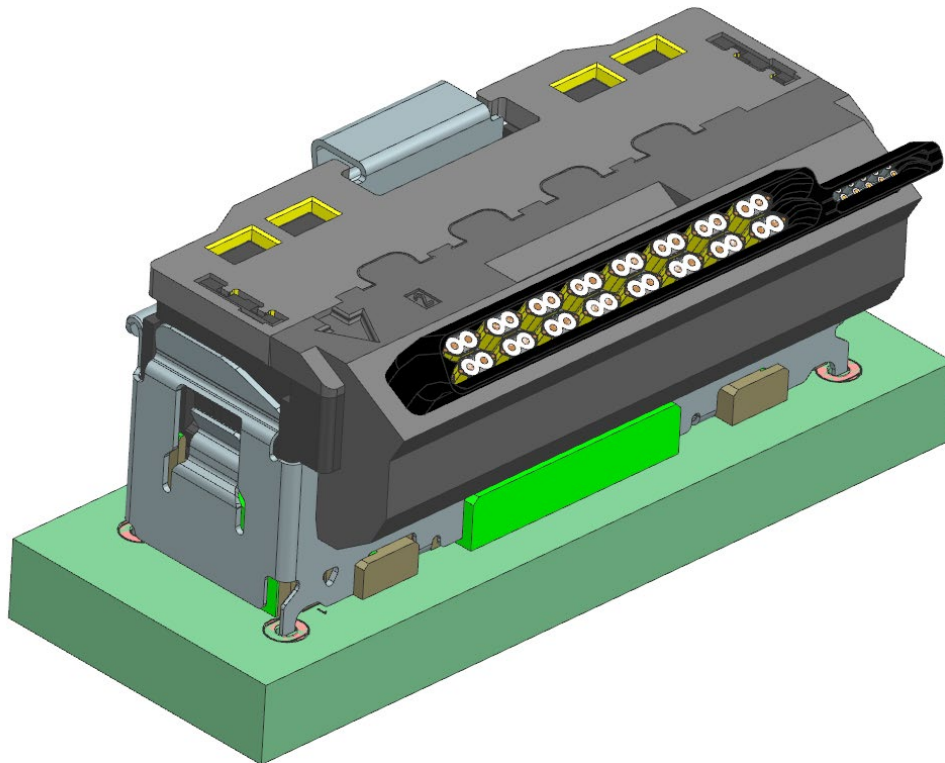


Figure 4-9: Configuration 4- Mated Dimensions

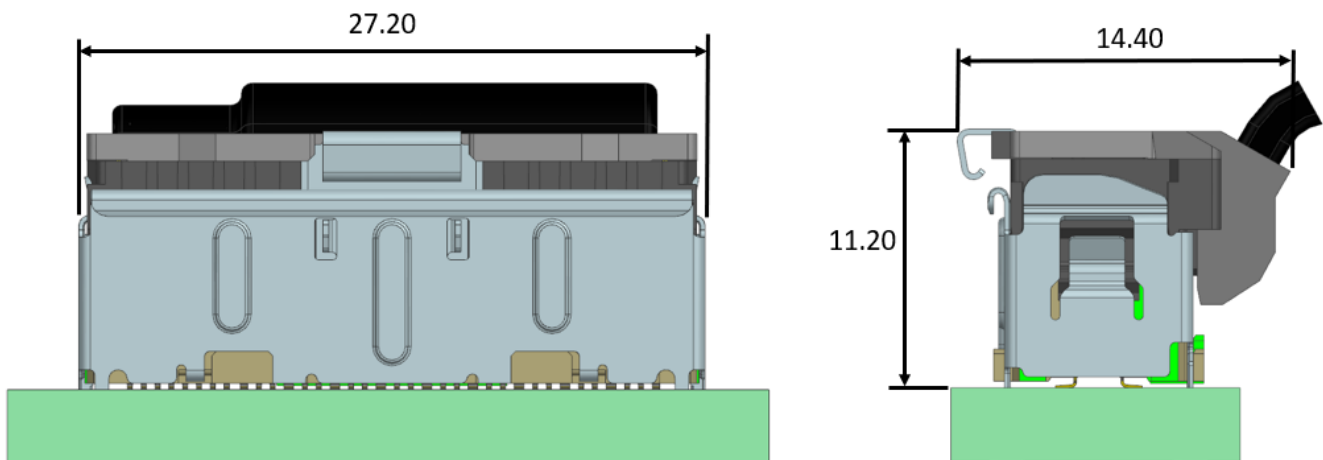


**4.1.5 Configuration 5: With Free-Side 60° Angle Cable Exit NON Pull-Tab**

This configuration has the cables exiting the connector at a 60° angle in relation to the PCB (same as Configuration 2) except this also has a latch that is intended to be pressed by the index finger while grabbing the sides with the thumb and other finger(s).



**Figure 4-10: Configuration 5- Mated**



**Figure 4-11: Configuration 5- Mated Dimensions**

**4.1.6 Configuration 6: Dual-Bay Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab**

This configuration has the cables exiting the connector perpendicular to the direction of mating and parallel to the PCB. It also includes a pull tab for unmating of the connector.

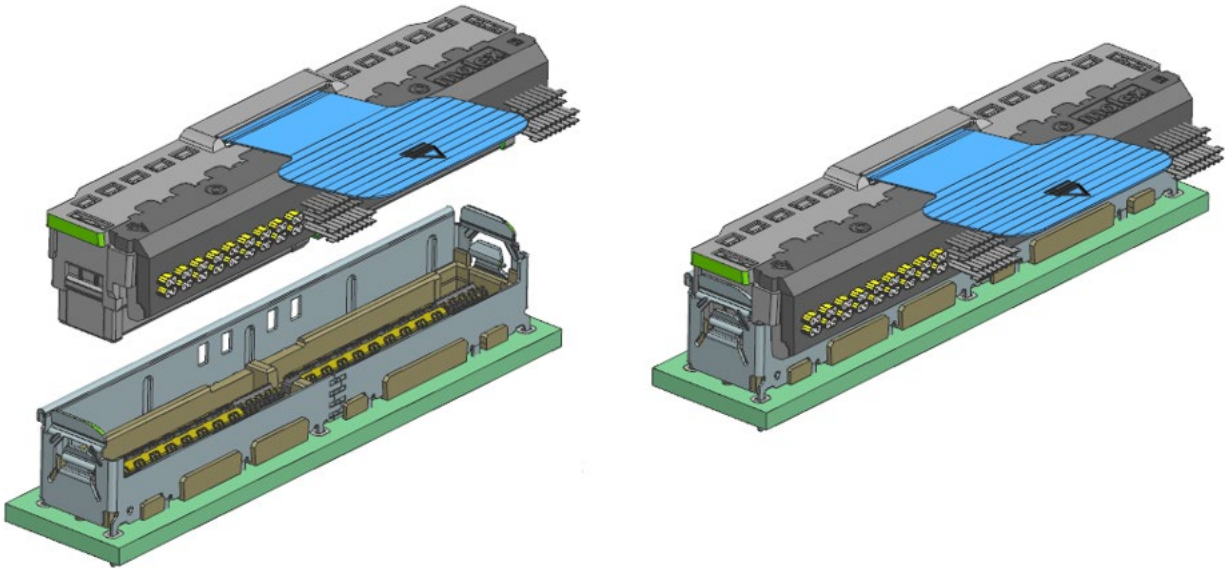


Figure 4-12: Configuration 6 - Unmated and Mated

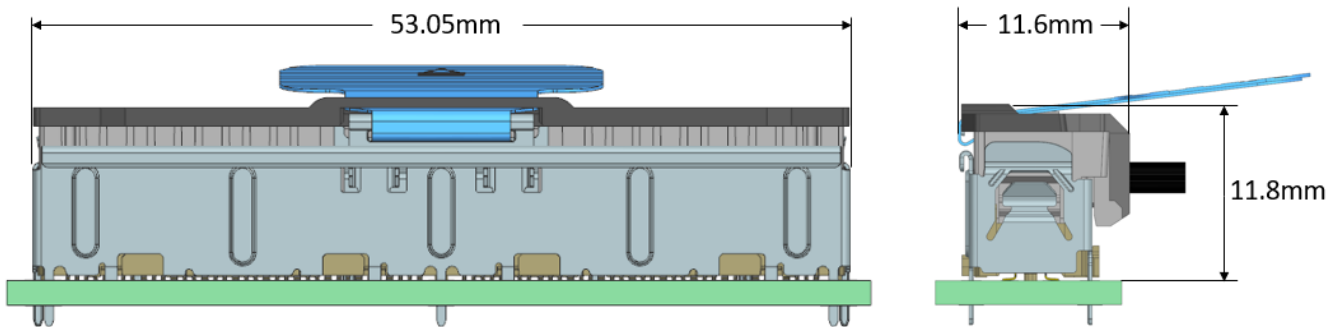


Figure 4-13: Configuration 6 - Mated Dimensions

#### 4.1.7 Configuration 7: Dual-Bay Free-Side 60° Angle Cable Exit with Pull-Tab

This configuration has the cables exiting the connector at a 60° angle in relation to the PCB. It also includes a pull tab for unmating of the connector.

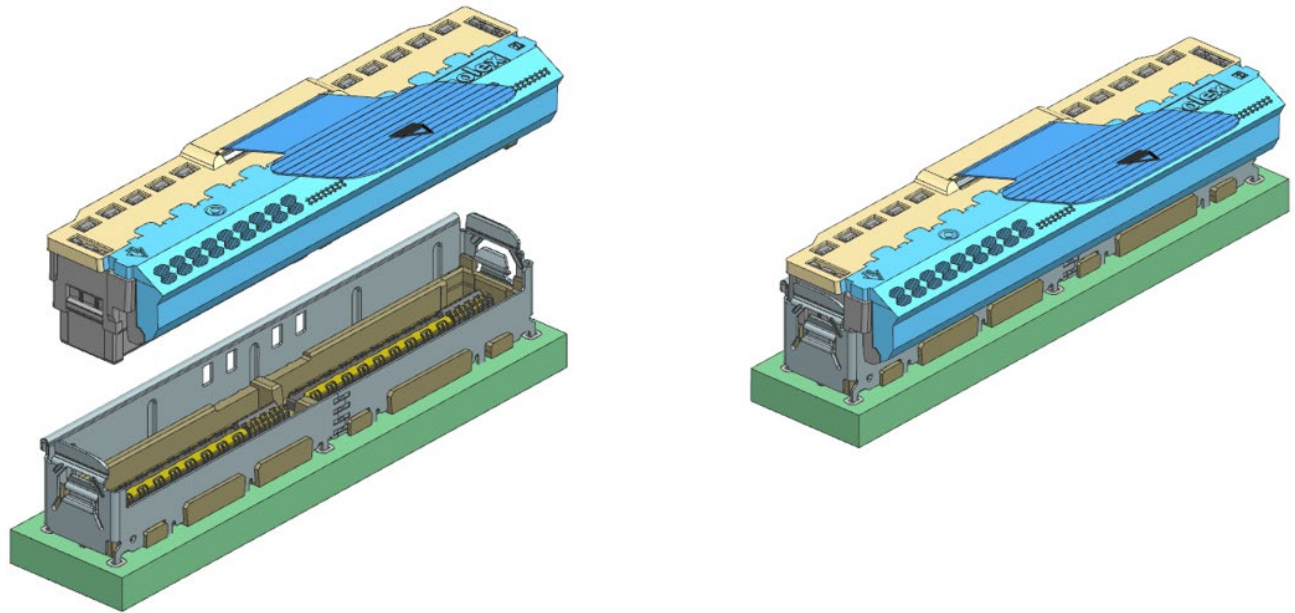


Figure 4-14: Configuration 7 - Unmated and Mated

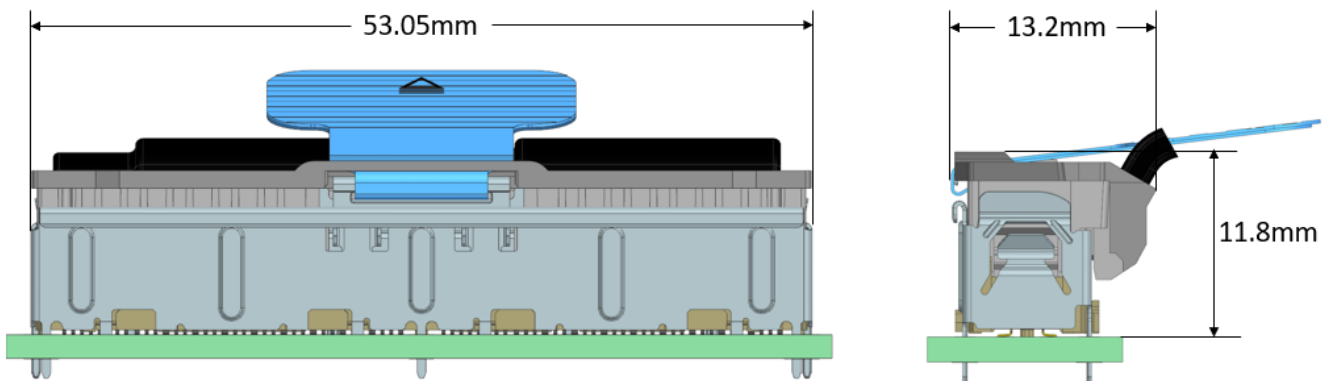


Figure 4-15: Configuration 7 - Mated Dimensions

## 4.2 Contact Numbering

The electrical contacts in this connector are numbered as shown in Figure 4-16. Electrical assignments are captured in Table 4-2. Contacts labeled "S" denote signals that carry half of a high-speed differential pair. Contacts labeled "SB" carry sideband signals. Ground contacts are labeled "GND".

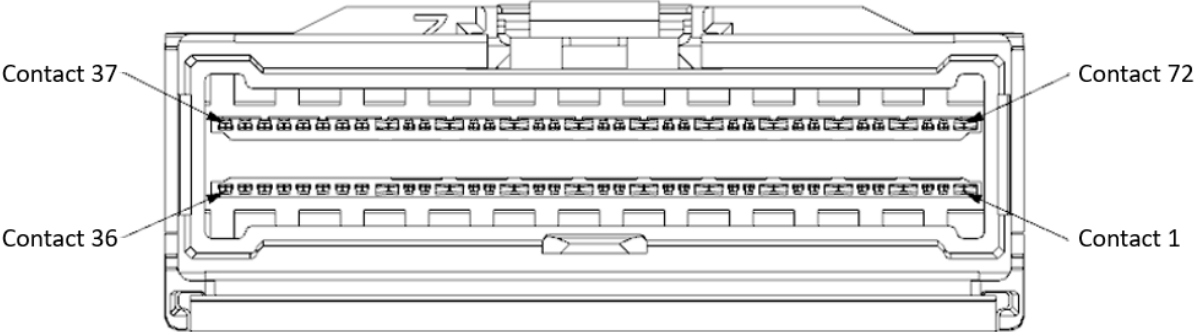
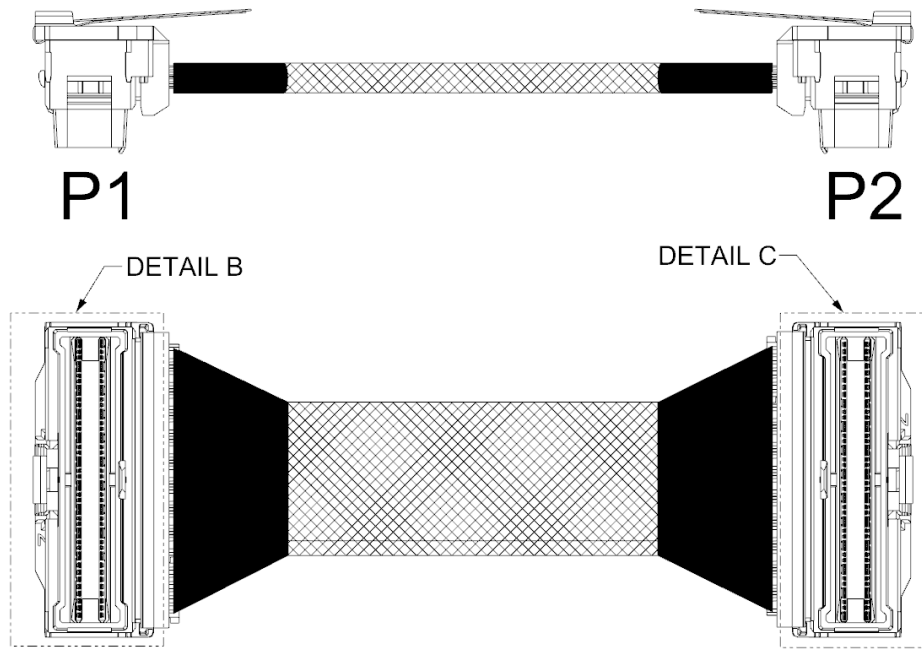


Figure 4-16: Free-side Connector Contact Numbering

**Table 4-2: Free-Side Connector Pin Out**

<b>Contact</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Contact</b>
1	GND	GND	72
2	S	S	71
3	S	S	70
4	GND	GND	69
5	S	S	68
6	S	S	67
7	GND	GND	66
8	S	S	65
9	S	S	64
10	GND	GND	63
11	S	S	62
12	S	S	61
13	GND	GND	60
14	S	S	59
15	S	S	58
16	GND	GND	57
17	S	S	56
18	S	S	55
19	GND	GND	54
20	S	S	53
21	S	S	52
22	GND	GND	51
23	S	S	50
24	S	S	49
25	GND	GND	48
26	S	S	47
27	S	S	46
28	GND	GND	45
29	SB	SB	44
30	SB	SB	43
31	SB	SB	42
32	SB	SB	41
33	SB	SB	40
34	SB	SB	39
35	SB	SB	38
36	SB	SB	37

Figure 4-17 and Figure 4-18 illustrate cable assembly connector and contact numbering. Table 4-3 captures the cable signal wiring.



**Figure 4-17: Cable Assembly Free-side Connector Numbering**

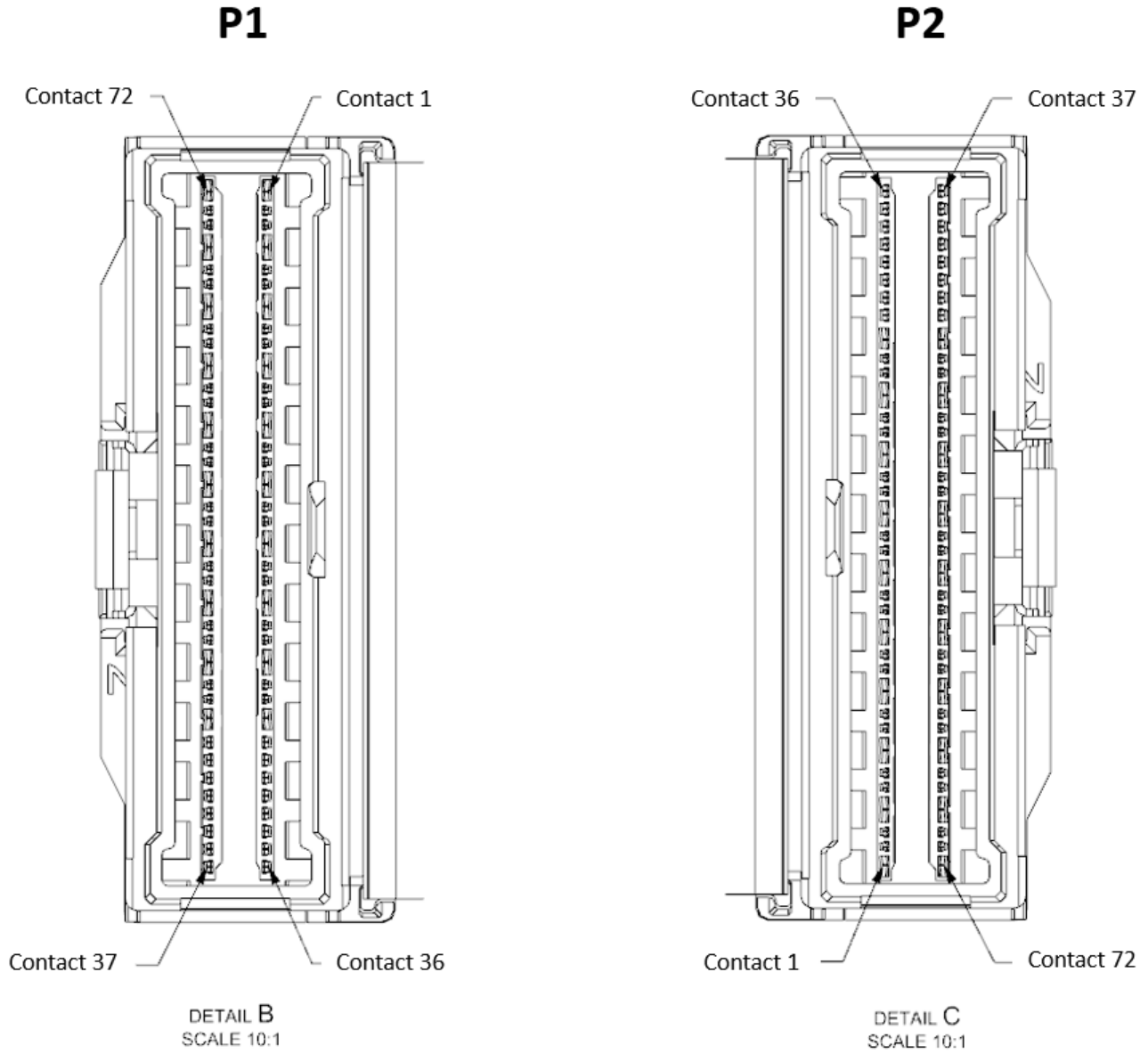


Figure 4-18: Cable Assembly Free-Side Connector Contact Numbering

**Table 4-3: Cable Assembly Wiring Diagram**

P1			P2	
Contact	Assignment		Assignment	Contact
1	GND	↔	GND	45
2	S	↔	S	46
3	S	↔	S	47
4	GND	↔	GND	48
5	S	↔	S	49
6	S	↔	S	50
7	GND	↔	GND	51
8	S	↔	S	52
9	S	↔	S	53
10	GND	↔	GND	54
11	S	↔	S	55
12	S	↔	S	56
13	GND	↔	GND	57
14	S	↔	S	58
15	S	↔	S	59
16	GND	↔	GND	60
17	S	↔	S	61
18	S	↔	S	62
19	GND	↔	GND	63
20	S	↔	S	64
21	S	↔	S	65
22	GND	↔	GND	66
23	S	↔	S	67
24	S	↔	S	68
25	GND	↔	GND	69
26	S	↔	S	70
27	S	↔	S	71
28	GND	↔	GND	72
29	SB	↔	SB	37
30	SB	↔	SB	38
31	SB	↔	SB	39
32	SB	↔	SB	40
33	SB	↔	SB	41
34	SB	↔	SB	42
35	SB	↔	SB	43
36	SB	↔	SB	44

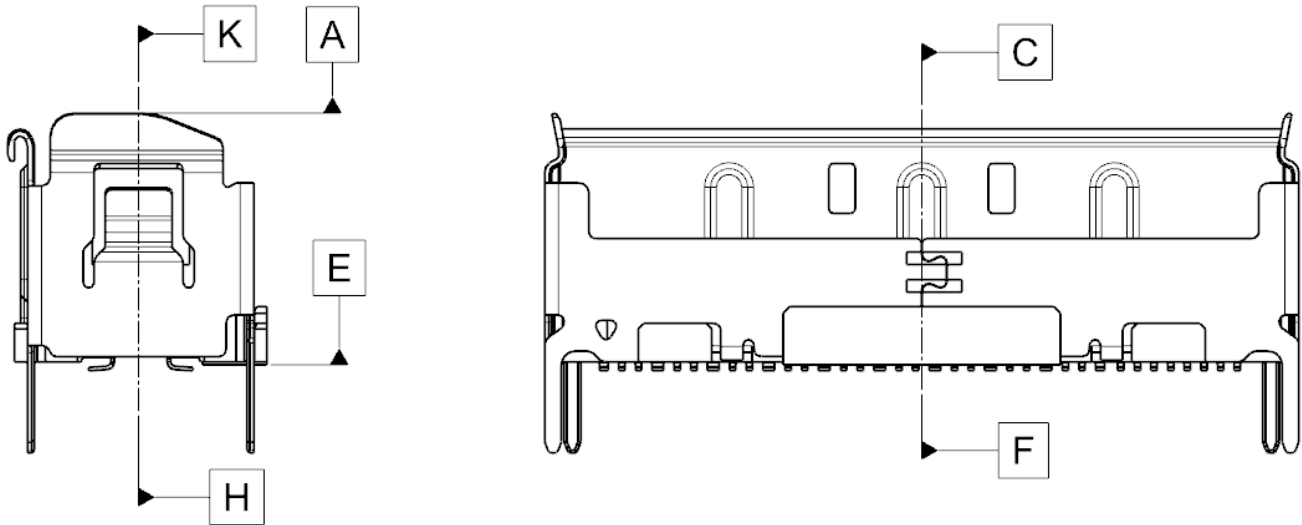
P1			P2	
Contact	Assignment		Assignment	Contact
37	SB	↔	SB	29
38	SB	↔	SB	30
39	SB	↔	SB	31
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41	SB	↔	SB	33
42	SB	↔	SB	34
43	SB	↔	SB	35
44	SB	↔	SB	36
45	GND	↔	GND	1
46	S	↔	S	2
47	S	↔	S	3
48	GND	↔	GND	4
49	S	↔	S	5
50	S	↔	S	6
51	GND	↔	GND	7
52	S	↔	S	8
53	S	↔	S	9
54	GND	↔	GND	10
55	S	↔	S	11
56	S	↔	S	12
57	GND	↔	GND	13
58	S	↔	S	14
59	S	↔	S	15
60	GND	↔	GND	16
61	S	↔	S	17
62	S	↔	S	18
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66	GND	↔	GND	22
67	S	↔	S	23
68	S	↔	S	24
69	GND	↔	GND	25
70	S	↔	S	26
71	S	↔	S	27
72	GND	↔	GND	28



### 4.3 Datums

The datums defined in Figure 4-19, Figure 4-21, and Figure 4-22 are used throughout the rest of the document to describe the dimensional requirements of the connector. Additional descriptions are provided in Table 4-4 and Table 4-6.

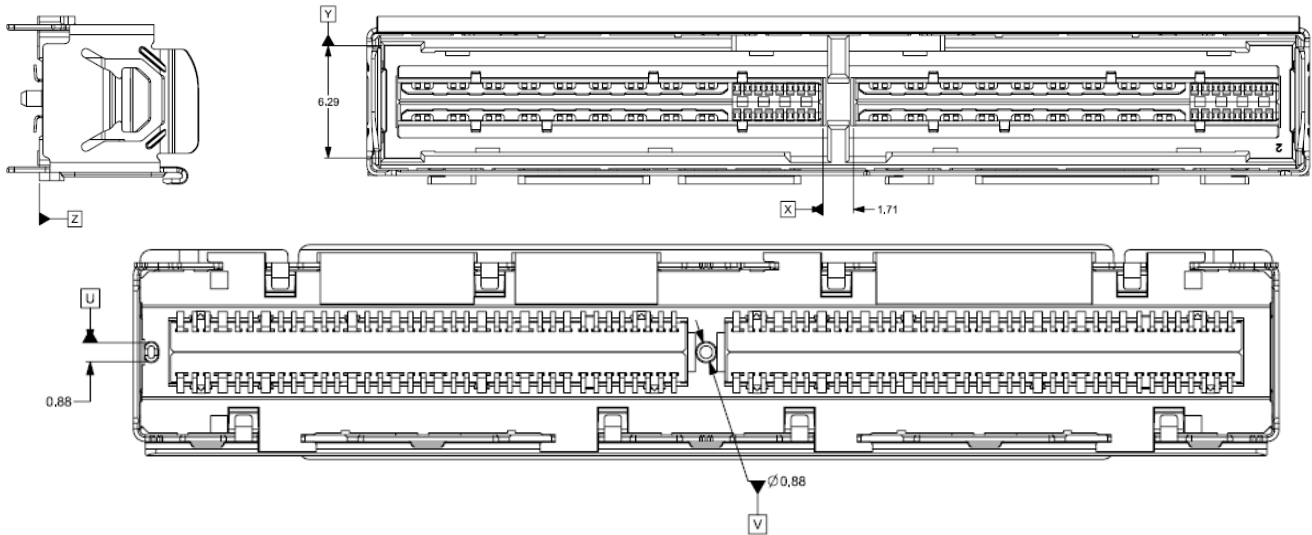
#### 4.3.1 Fixed-Side Connector Datum Descriptions



**Figure 4-19: Fixed-Side Connector Datums**

**Table 4-4: Fixed-Side Connector Datum Descriptions**

A	Fixed-side Can (top edge for staging)
K	Fixed-side centerline Y-direction mate side
H	Fixed-side centerline Y-direction PCB side
C	Fixed-side centerline X-direction mate side
F	Fixed-side centerline X-direction PCB side
E	Fixed-side housing (bottom)

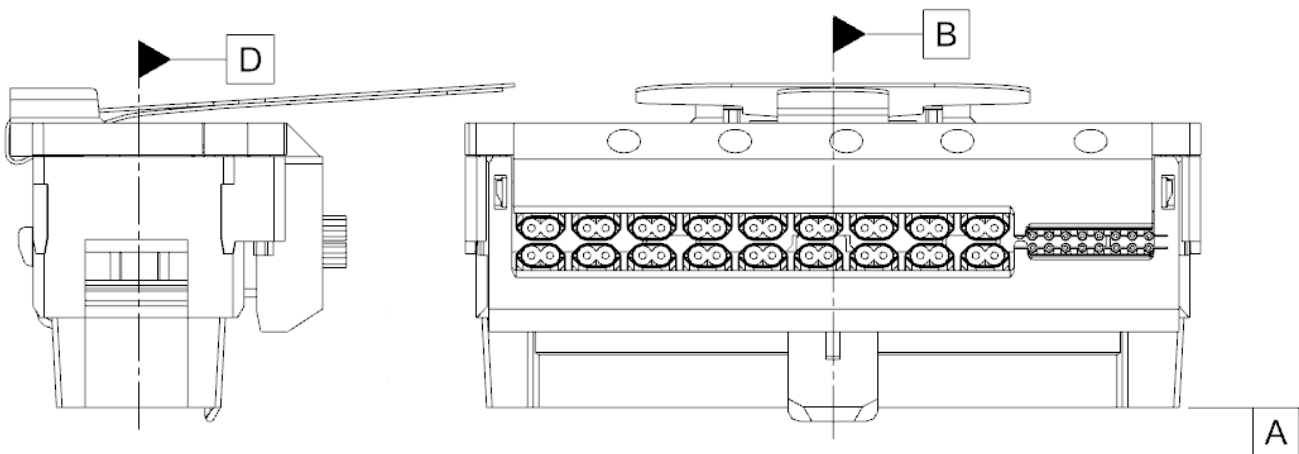


**Figure 4-20: Dual-Bay Fixed-Side Connector Datums**

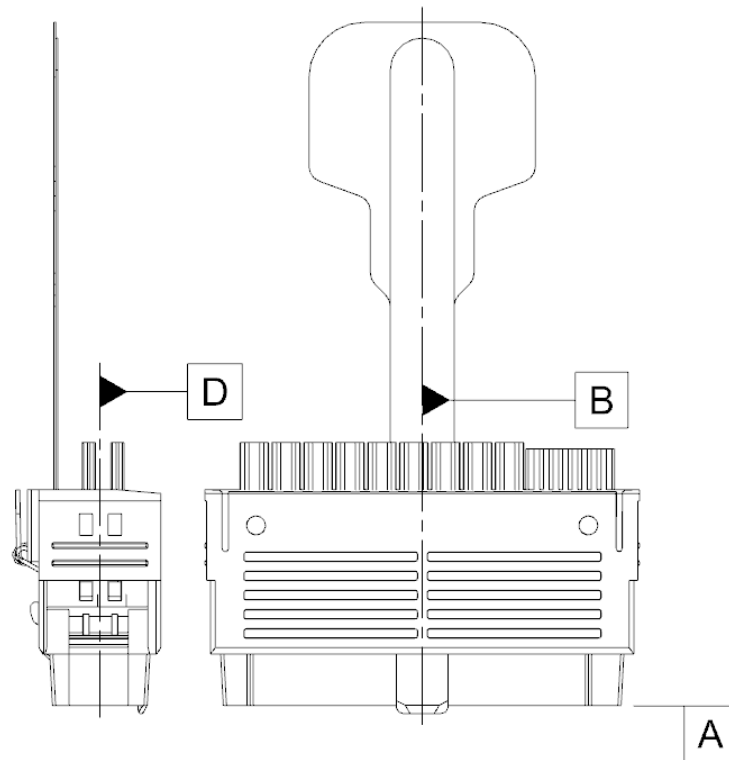
**Table 4-5: Dual-Bay Fixed-Side Connector Datum Descriptions**

Y	Fixed-side centerline Y-direction mate side
V-U	Fixed-side centerline Y-direction PCB side
X	Fixed-side centerline X-direction mate side
V	Fixed-side centerline X-direction PCB side
Z	Fixed-side housing (bottom)

### 4.3.2 Free-Side Connector Datum Descriptions



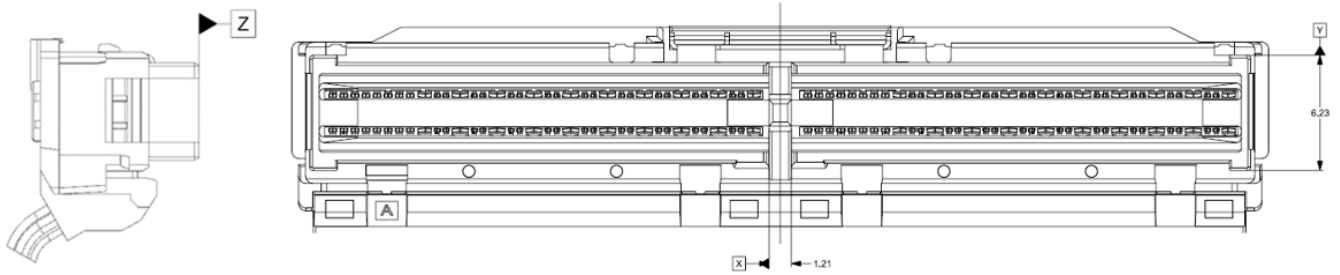
**Figure 4-21: Horizontal (0°) Free-Side Connector Datums**



**Figure 4-22: Vertical Cable Exit Free-Side Connector Datums**

**Table 4-6: Free-Side Connector Datum Descriptions**

D	Free-side centerline Y-direction mate side
B	Free-side centerline X-direction mate side
A	Free-side connector (bottom for staging)



**Figure 4-23: Dual-Bay Free-Side Connector Datum Descriptions**

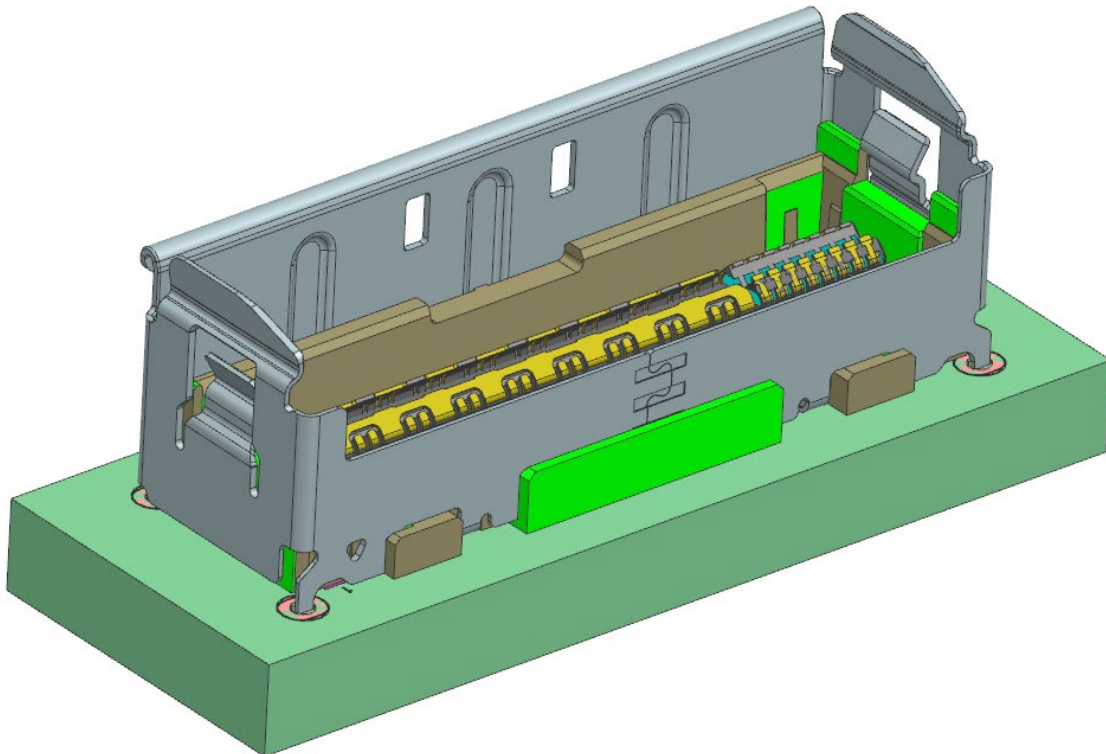
**Table 4-7: Dual-Bay Horizontal (0°) Free-Side Connector Datum Descriptions**

Y	Fixed-side centerline Y-direction mate side
X	Fixed-side centerline X-direction mate side
Z	Fixed-side housing (bottom for staging)

## 5. Fixed-Side Mechanical Specification

### 5.1 Overview

The fixed-side connector is comprised of insert molded terminals with plastic that are encased by a stainless steel cage with additional press fit tails. The fixed-side connector is designed to mate to all free-side connector variants. The fixed-side connector cages are 0.25mm strip thickness which includes latch windows for the free-side cable connector and two passive latches on the sides. A vacuum cap is also included for pick-and-place equipment for placing the connector on the PCB and protecting the contacts during shipment and handling.



**Figure 5-1: Fixed-Side Connector without Vacuum Cap**

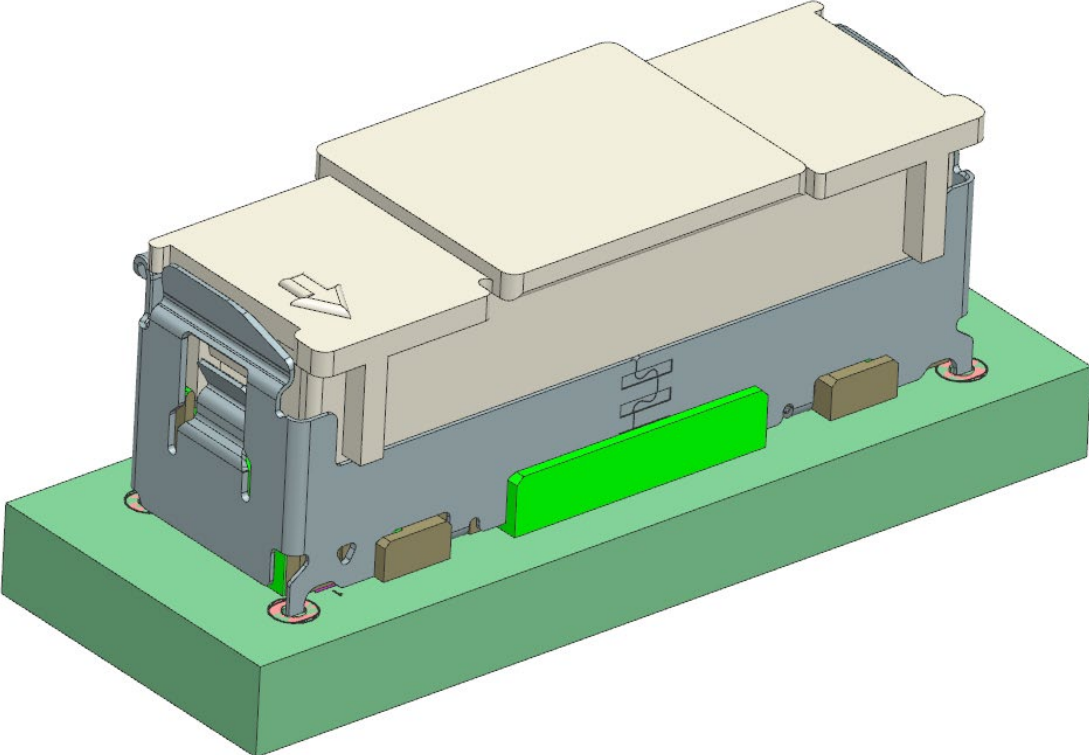


Figure 5-2: Fixed-Side Connector with Vacuum Cap

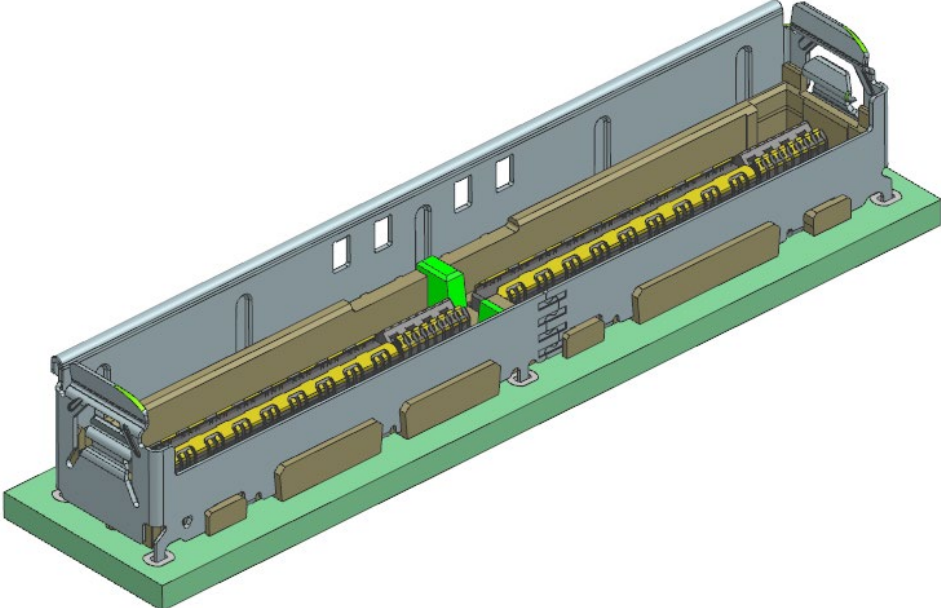
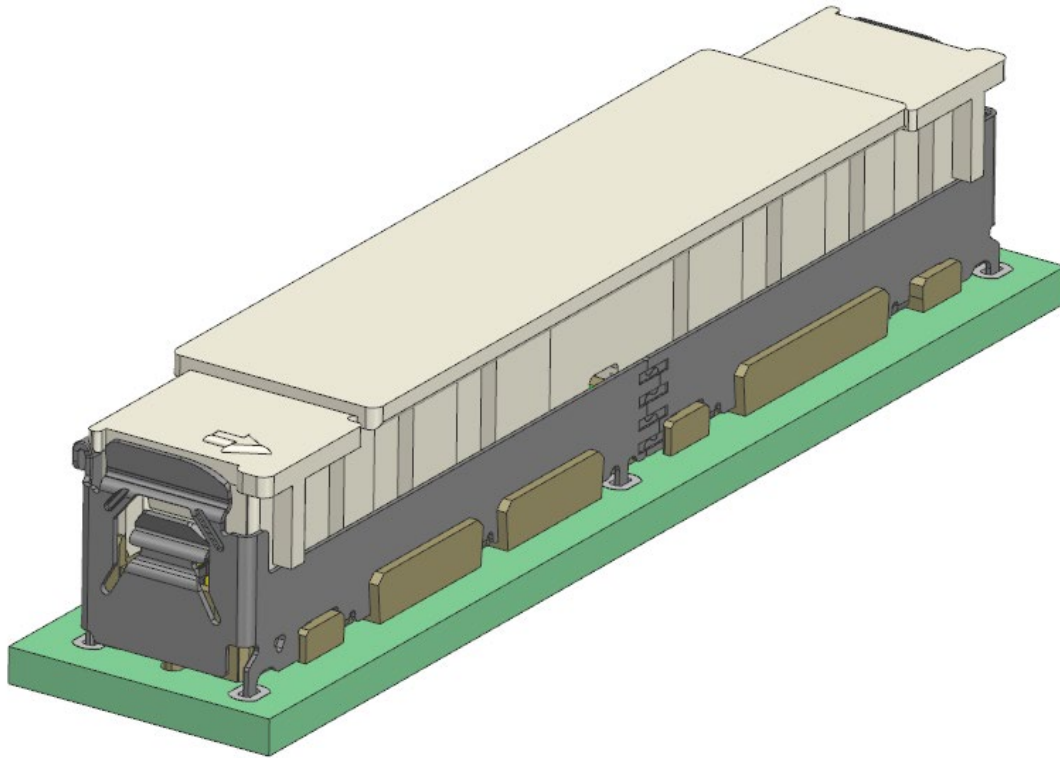


Figure 5-3: Dual-Bay Fixed-Side Connector without Vacuum Cap



**Figure 5-4: Dual-Bay Fixed-Side Connector with Vacuum Cap**

The vacuum cap for the fixed-side connector is designed to fit only one way. It has an arrow on the top surface identifying the location of contact 1 (refer to Section 0 for contact numbering).

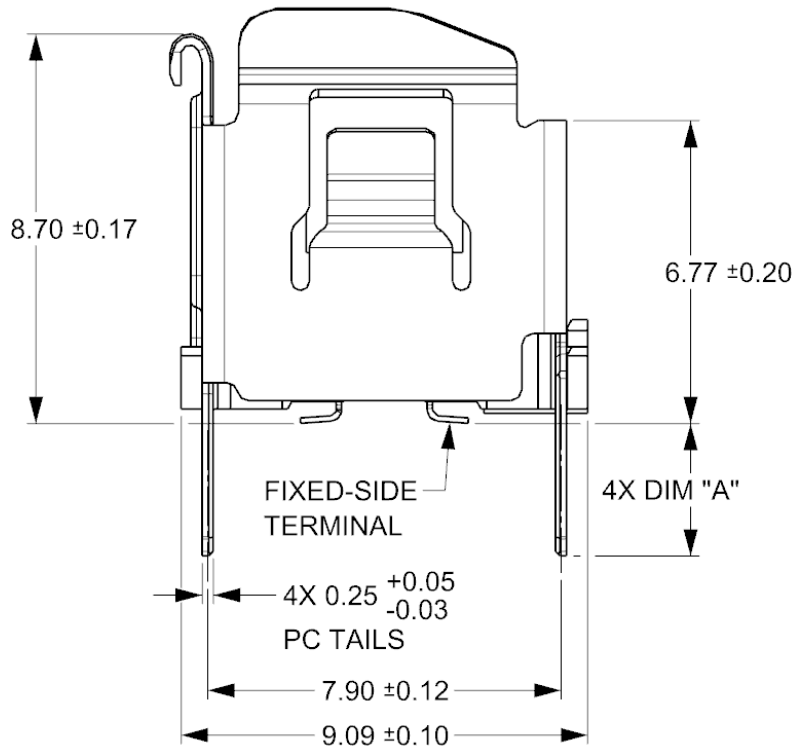
## 5.2 Mechanical Description: Fixed-Side Connector

Unless otherwise shown, the following tolerances shall apply to the figures:

- a. Two & Three Place dimensions =  $\pm 0.05\text{mm}$
- b. Angular dimension =  $\pm 0.5^\circ$

The fixed-side connector cage has four press-fit tails. These tails may be one of two lengths. The selected length is application specific and is dependent on the thickness of the PCB to which the connector is fixed. Press-fit tail lengths are listed in Table 5-1.

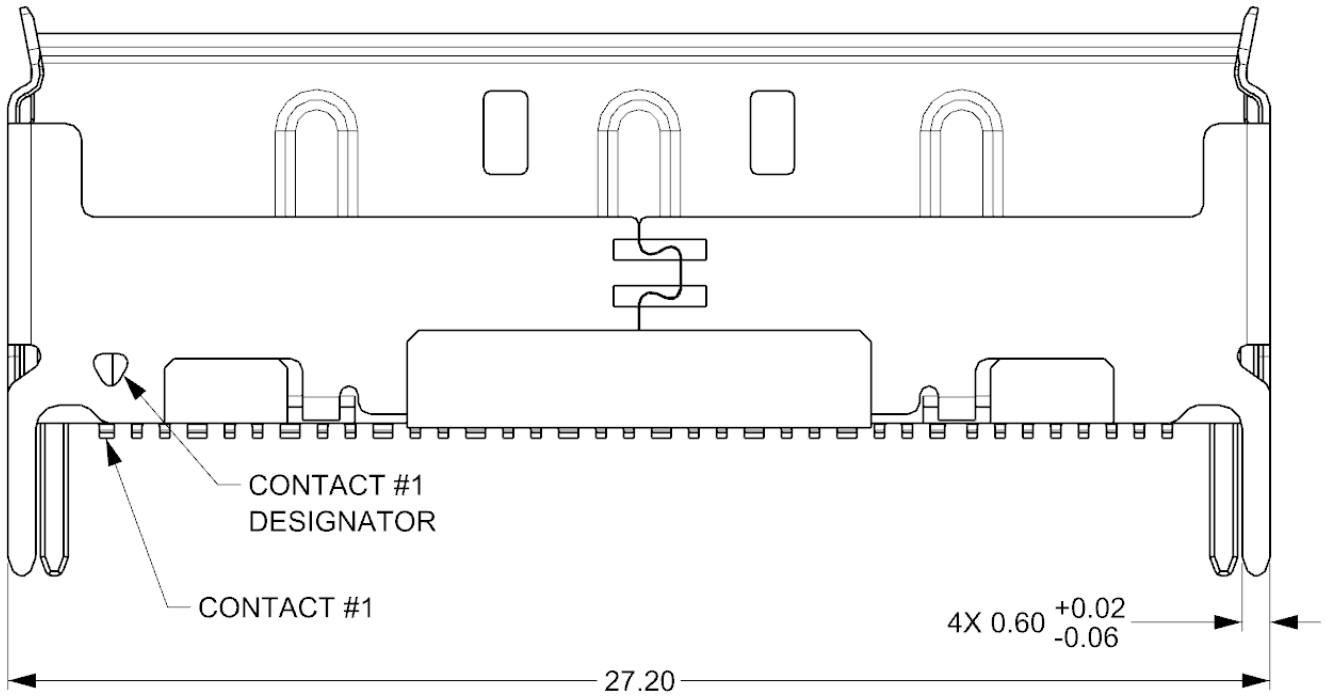
### 5.2.1 Mechanical Description: Fixed-Side Connector



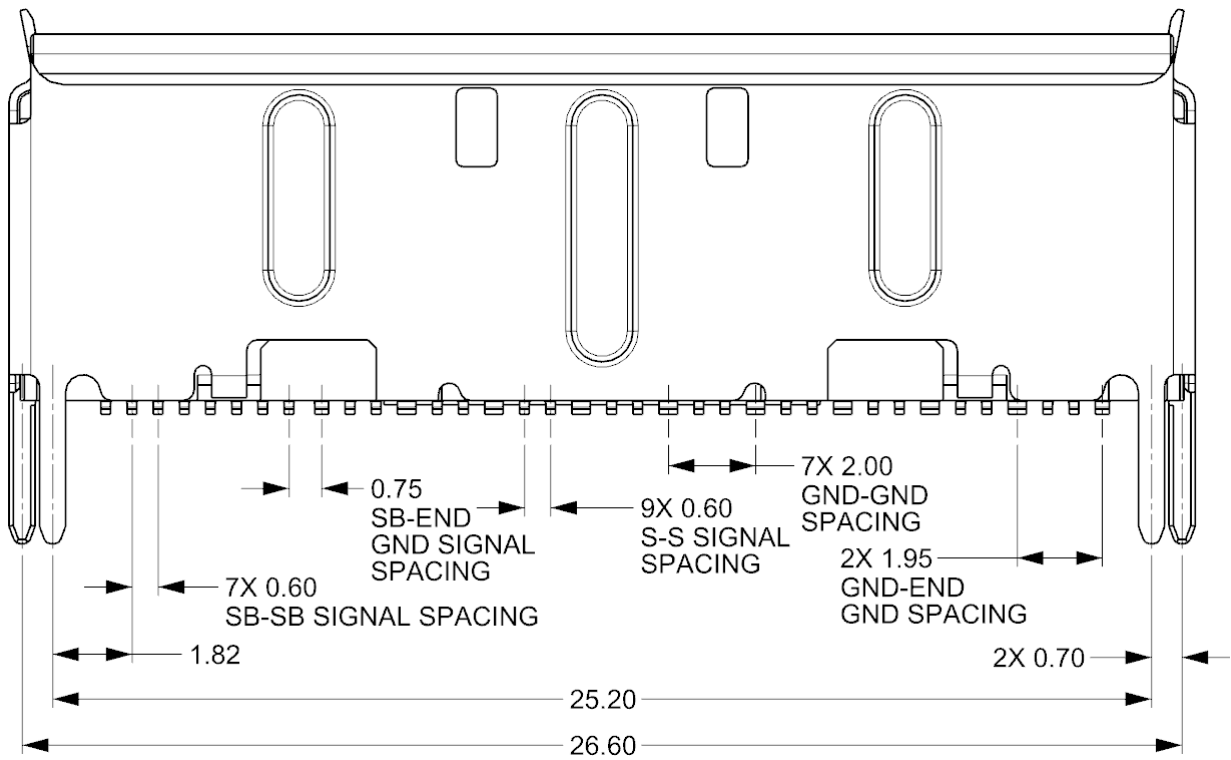
**Figure 5-5: Profile View of Fixed- Side Connector Cage**

**Table 5-1: Press Fit Tail Lengths for Fixed-Side Connector Cage**

DIM "A"
2.96
1.50



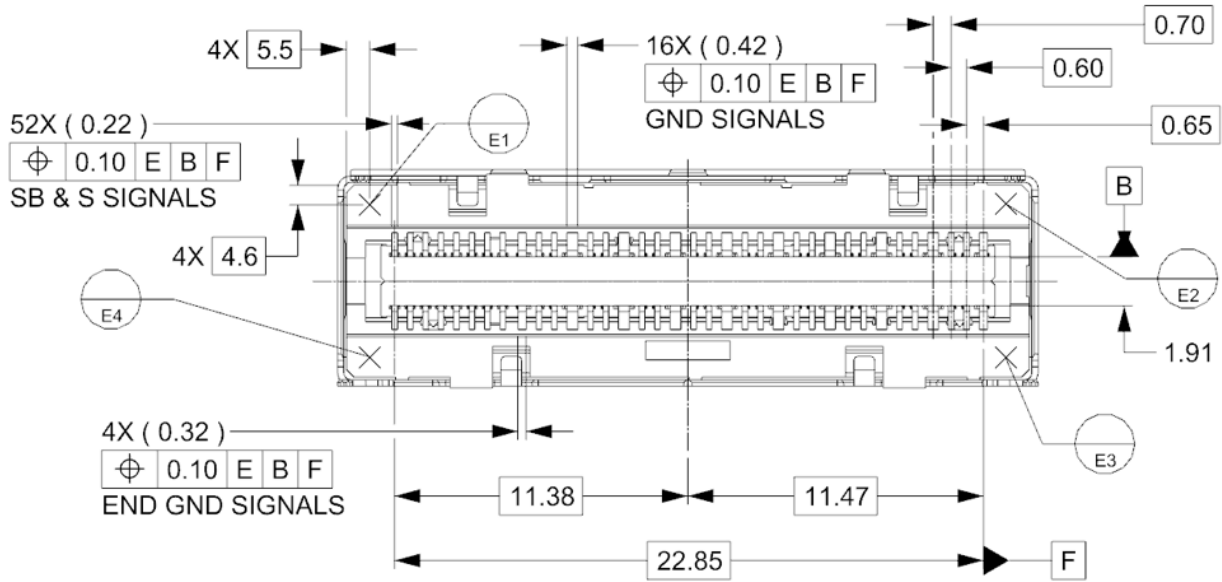
**Figure 5-6: Front View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage**



NOTE: Signal assignments are identified in Section 4.2. "END GND" refers to contacts 1, 28, 45, and 72.

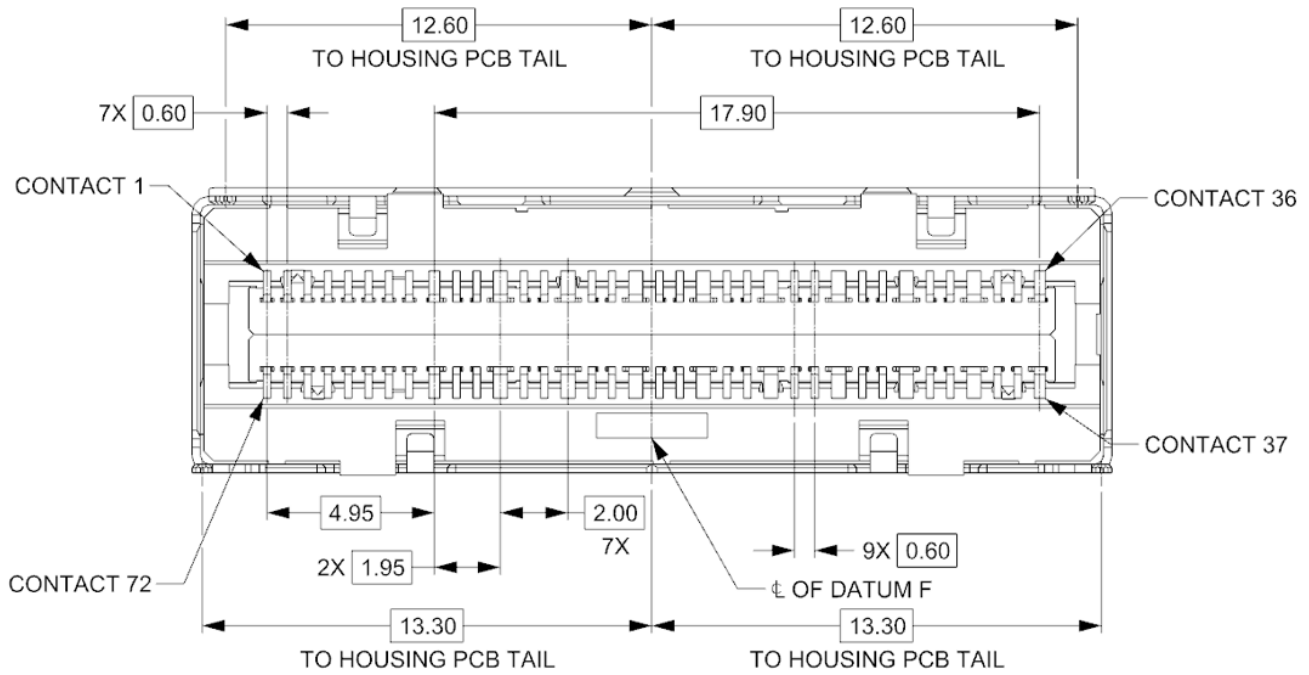
**Figure 5-7: Back View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage**





NOTE: Signal assignments are identified in Section 4.2. "END GND" refers to contacts 1, 28, 45, and 72.

**Figure 5-8: Bottom View of Fixed-Side Connector (1 of 2)**



**Figure 5-9: Bottom View of Fixed-Side Connector (2 of 2)**

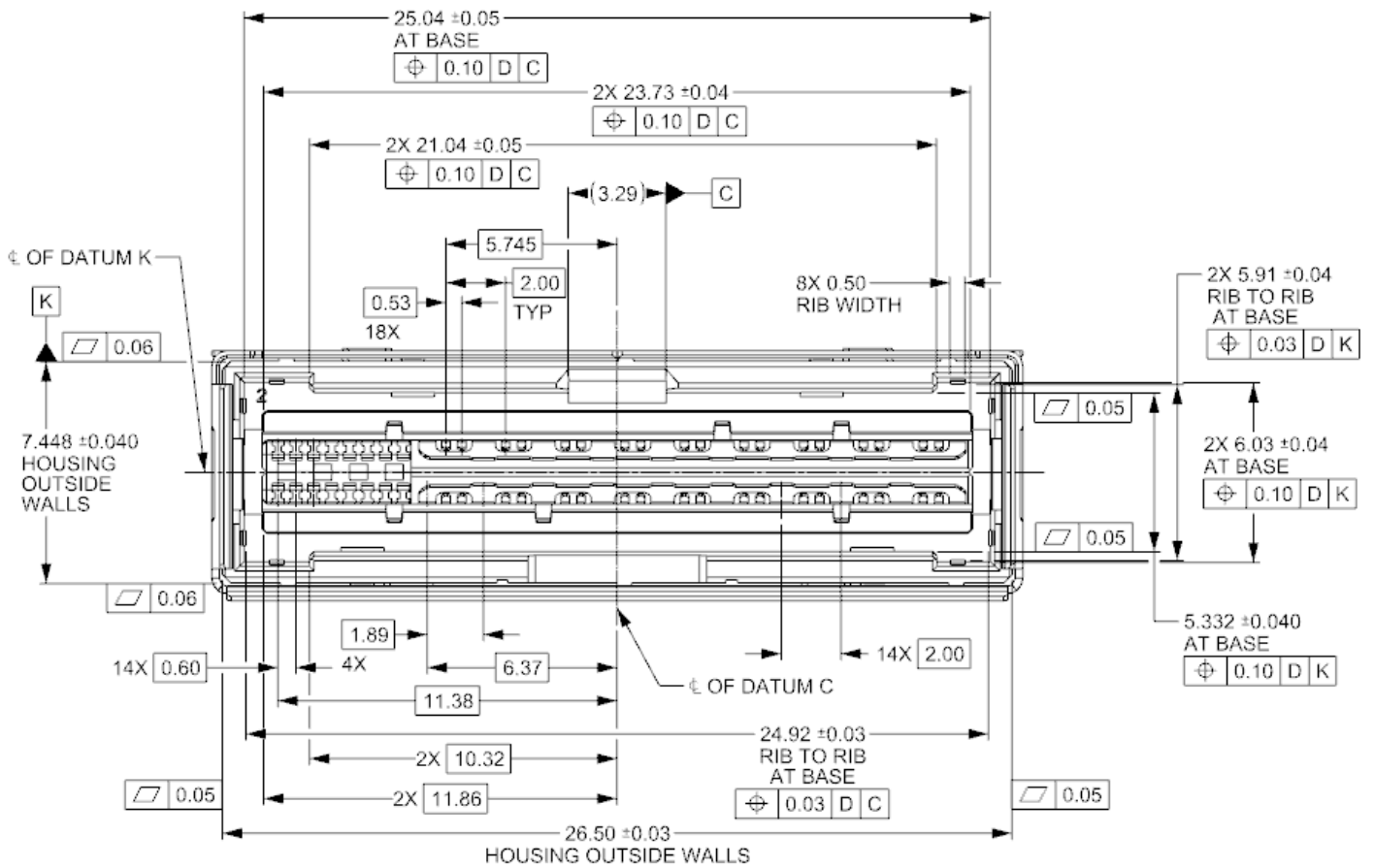


Figure 5-10: Top View of Fixed-Side Connector

### 5.2.2 Mechanical Description: Dual-Bay Fixed-Side Connector

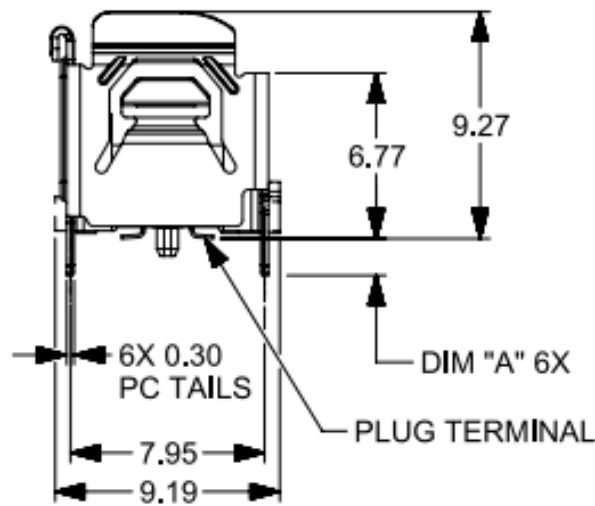
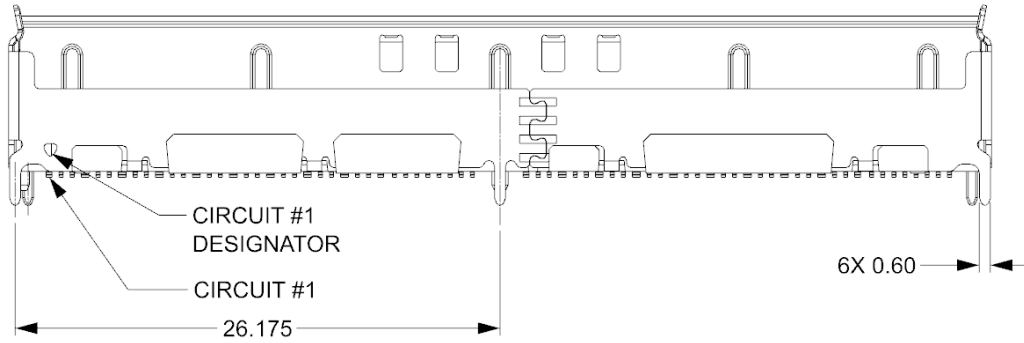


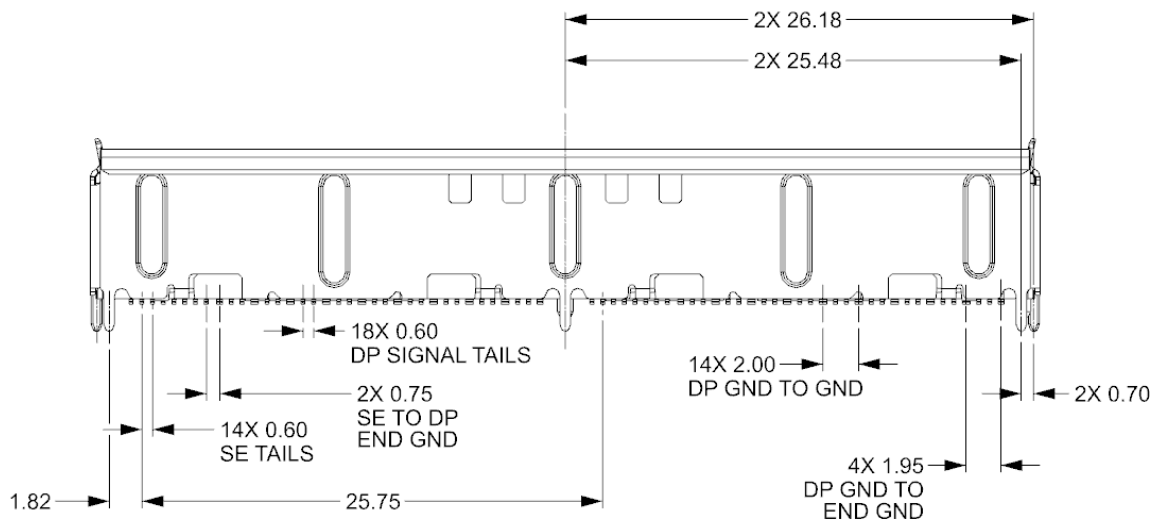
Figure 5-11: Dual-Bay Profile View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage

**Table 5-2: Dual-Bay Tail Lengths of Fixed-Side Connector Cage**

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2.96



**Figure 5-12: Dual-Bay Front View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage**



**Figure 5-13: Dual-Bay Back View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage**

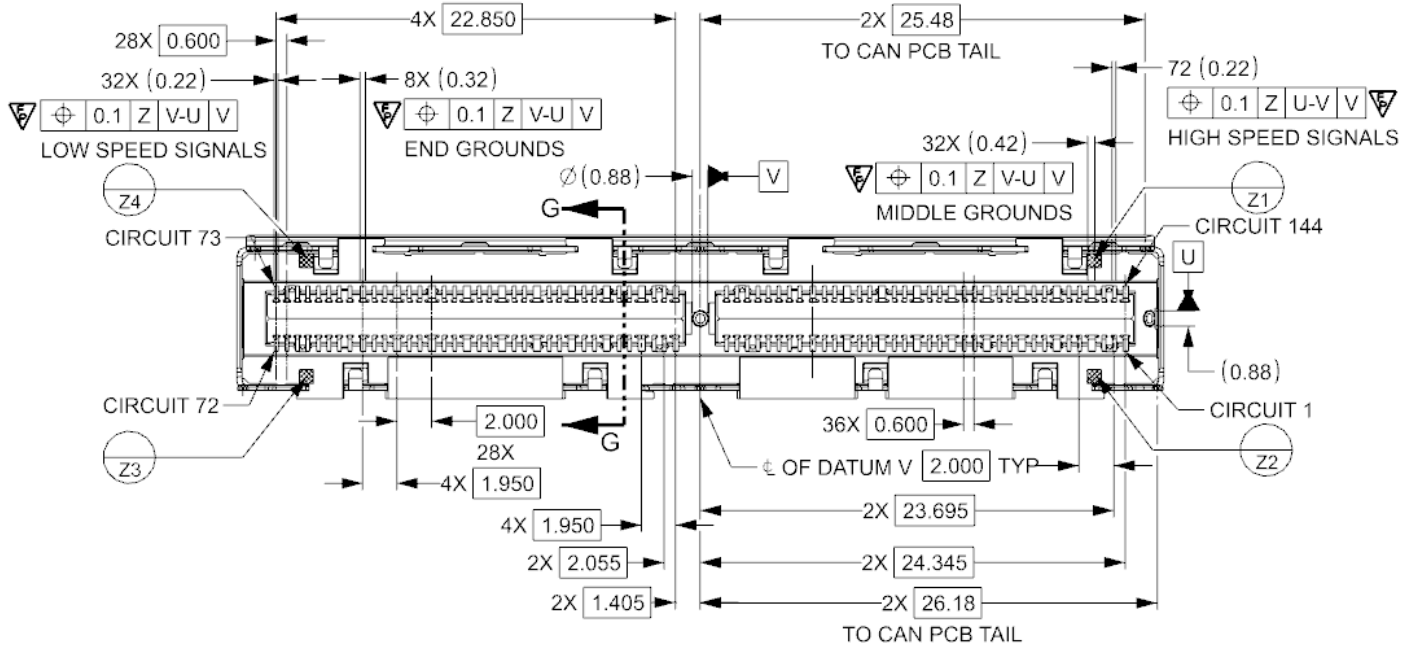


Figure 5-14: Dual-Bay Bottom View of Fixed-Side Connector

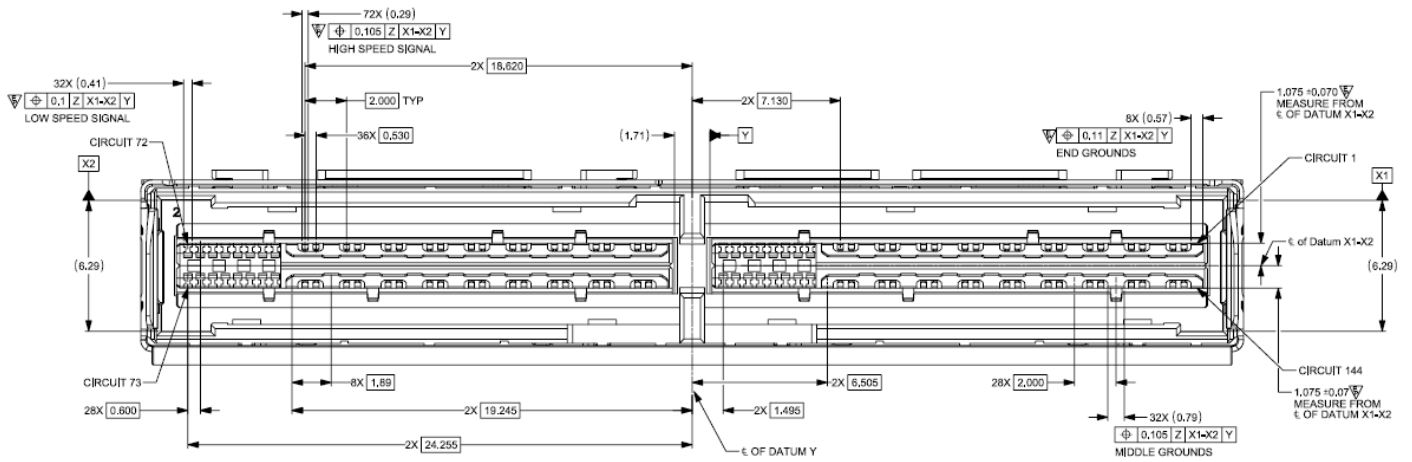


Figure 5-15: Dual-Bay Top View of Fixed-Side Connector

### 6. Free-Side Mechanical Specification

#### 6.1 Overview

The free-side connector housing and cover are plastic. Twinaxial cable and single-ended ribbon cable is connected to the mating terminals inside the free-side connector. The free-side connector also includes a stainless steel positive latch with two designs, one for use with a pull tab and one for manual activation by hand. The vertical cable exit design is only available with a pull tab.

#### 6.2 Mechanical Description: Free-Side Connectors

Unless otherwise shown, the following tolerances shall apply to the figures:

- a. Two & Three Place dimensions = +/- 0.05mm
- b. Angular dimension = +/- 0.5°

##### 6.2.1 Free-Side Variant 1: Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull Tab

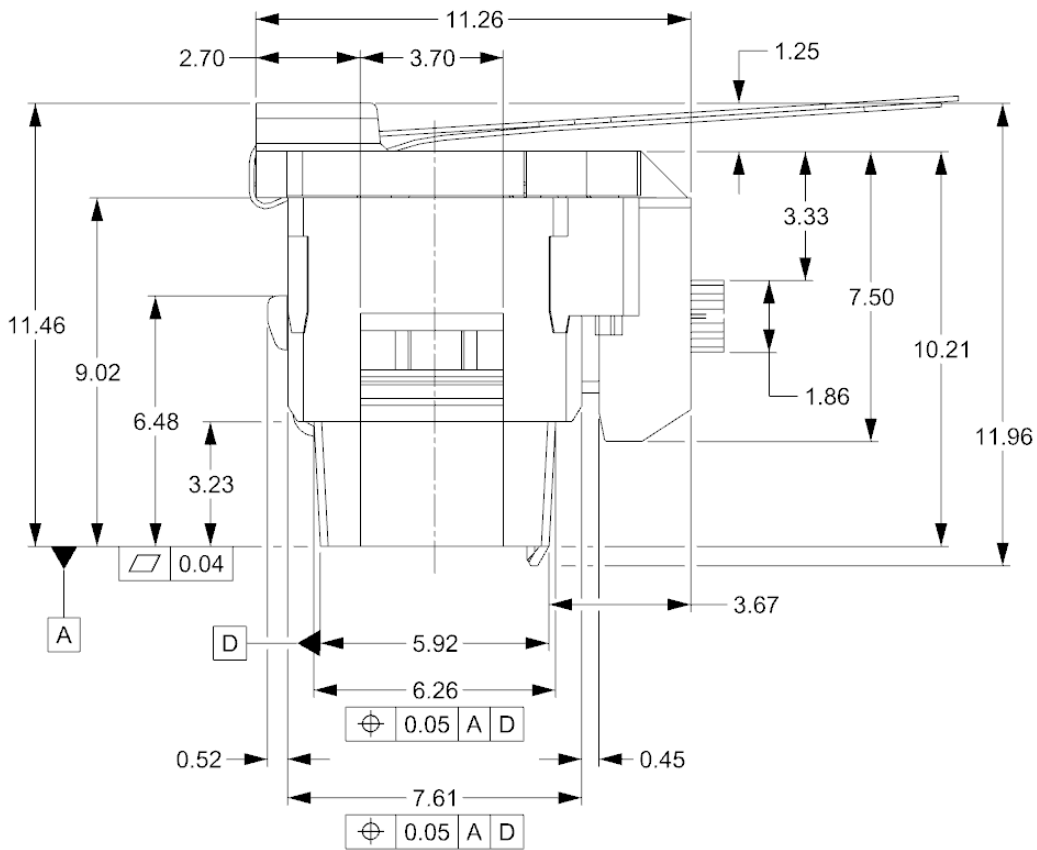
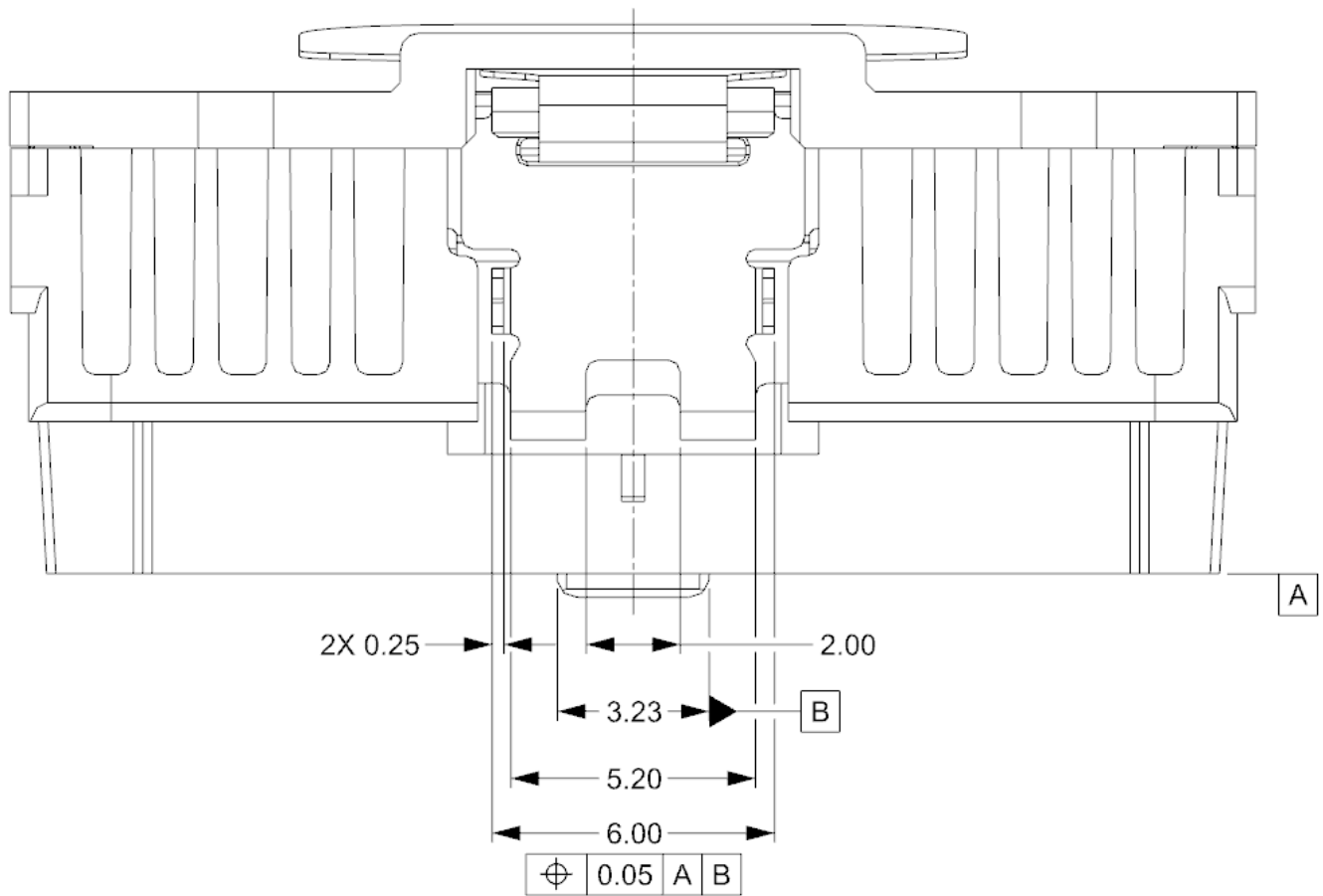
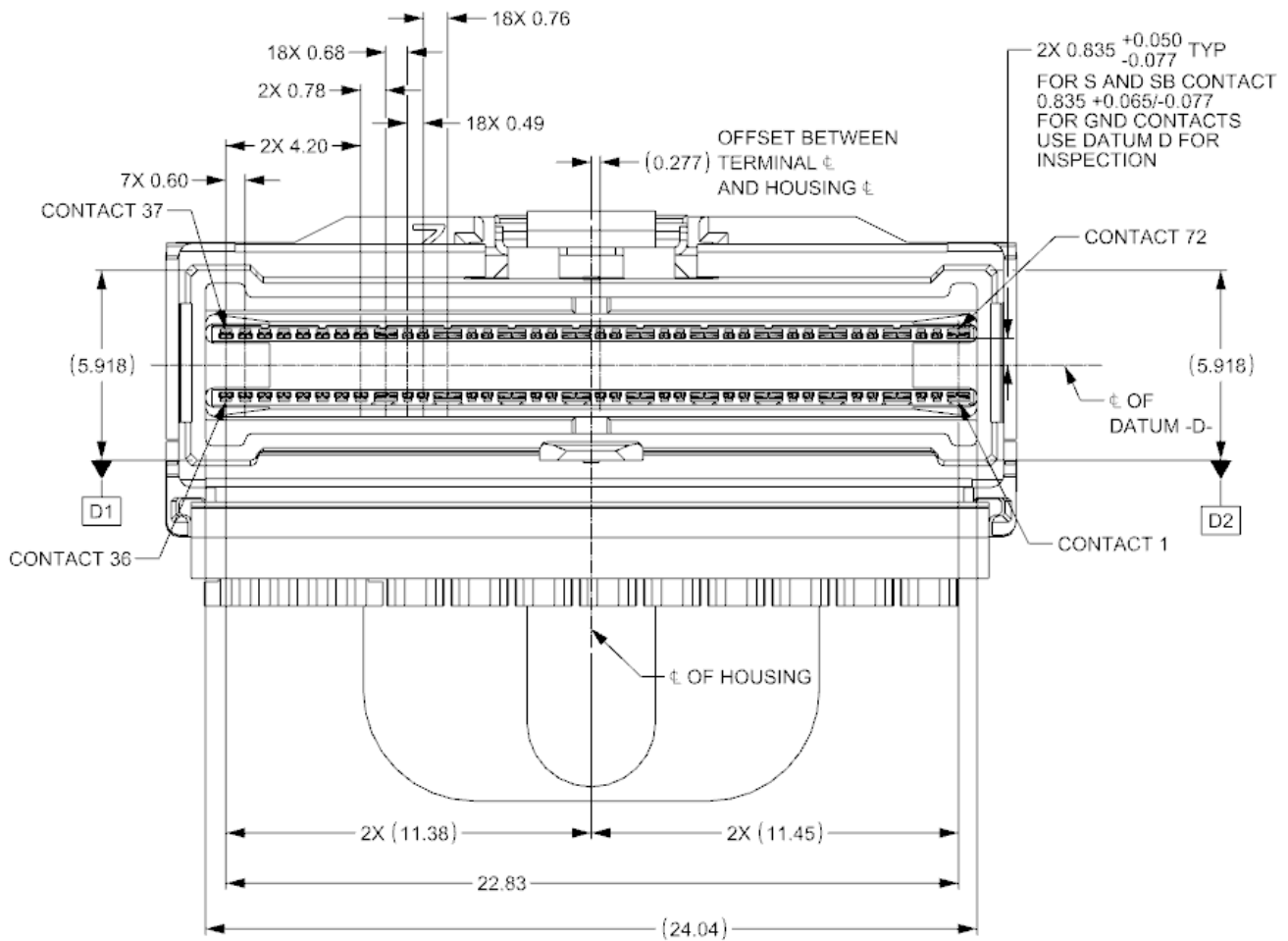


Figure 6-1: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit & Pull Tab



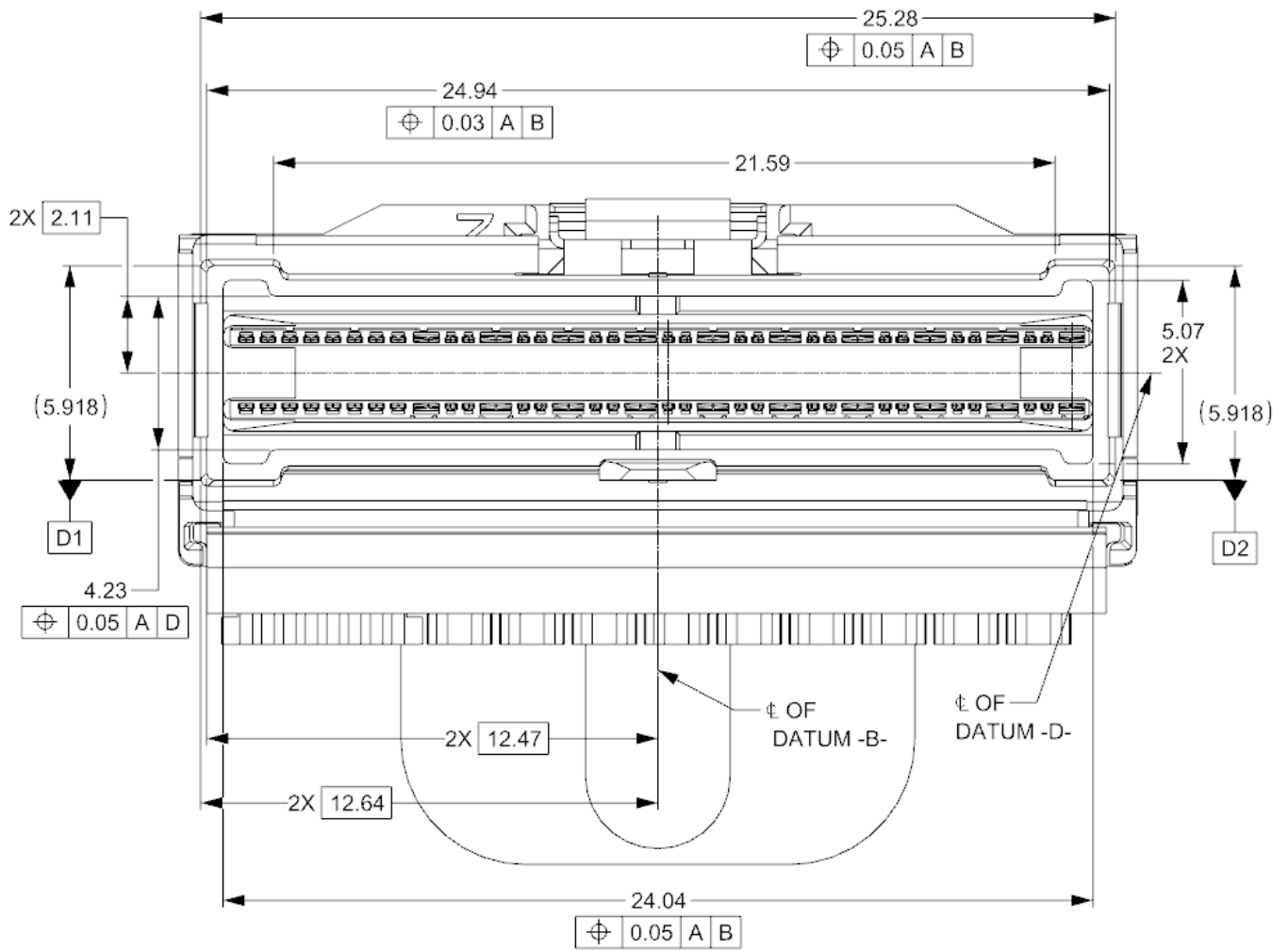
**Figure 6-2: Latch for Free-Side Connector**

The latch position dimensions shown in Figure 6-2 apply to all configurations of the free-side connector.



**Figure 6-3: Top View of Free-Side Connector in Relation to Housing**

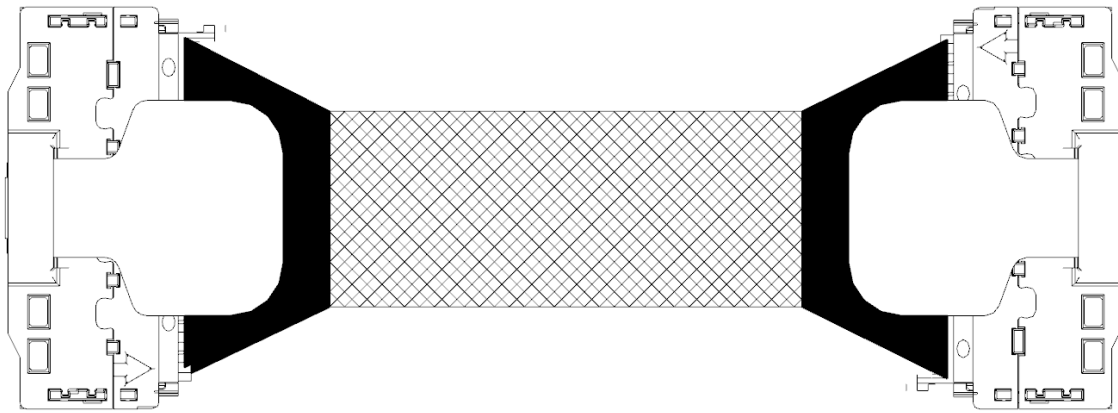
The dimensions in Figure 6-3 are for intermatatability and apply to all configurations of the free-side connector.



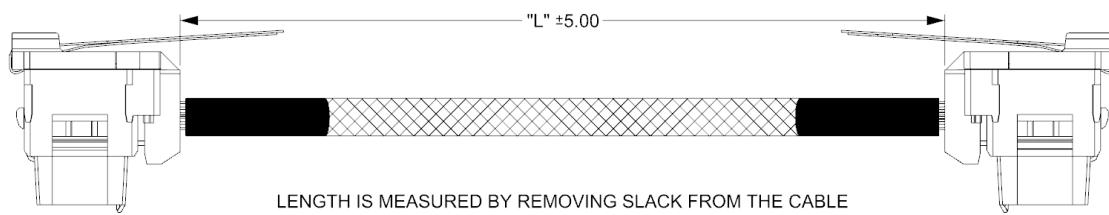
**Figure 6-4: Front View of Free-Side Connector**

The dimensions in Figure 6-4 apply to all configurations of the free-side connector.





FINISHED CABLE ASSEMBLY



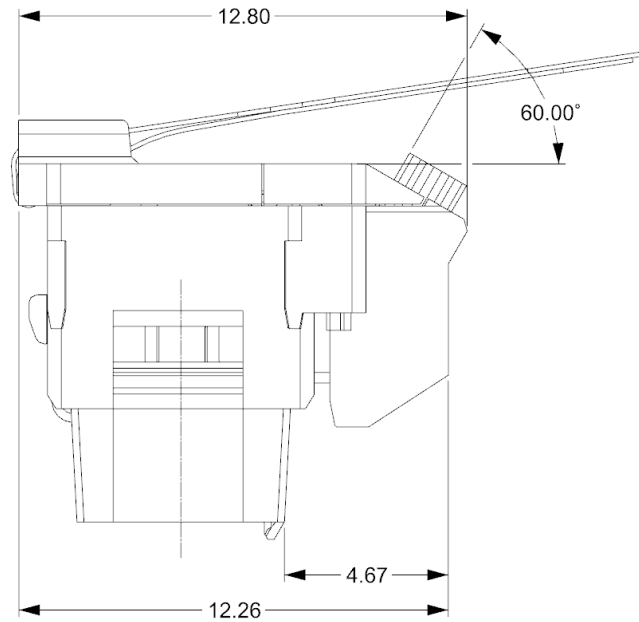
LENGTH IS MEASURED BY REMOVING SLACK FROM THE CABLE

Figure 6-5: Finished Cable Assembly with Length Dimension

Table 6-1: Typical Cable-Connector Required Lengths

"L"
250
300
400
500
600
700
800
900
1 000

### 6.2.2 Free-Side Variant 2: 60° Angle Cable Exit with Pull Tab



**Figure 6-6: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with 60° Angle Cable Exit & Pull Tab**

Dimensions in Figure 6-6 are specific to the free-side connector with 60° angle cable exit. All dimensions in Figure 6-1 apply except dimensions that are associated with the cable.

### 6.2.3 Free-side Variant 3: Vertical (90°) Cable Exit with Pull Tab

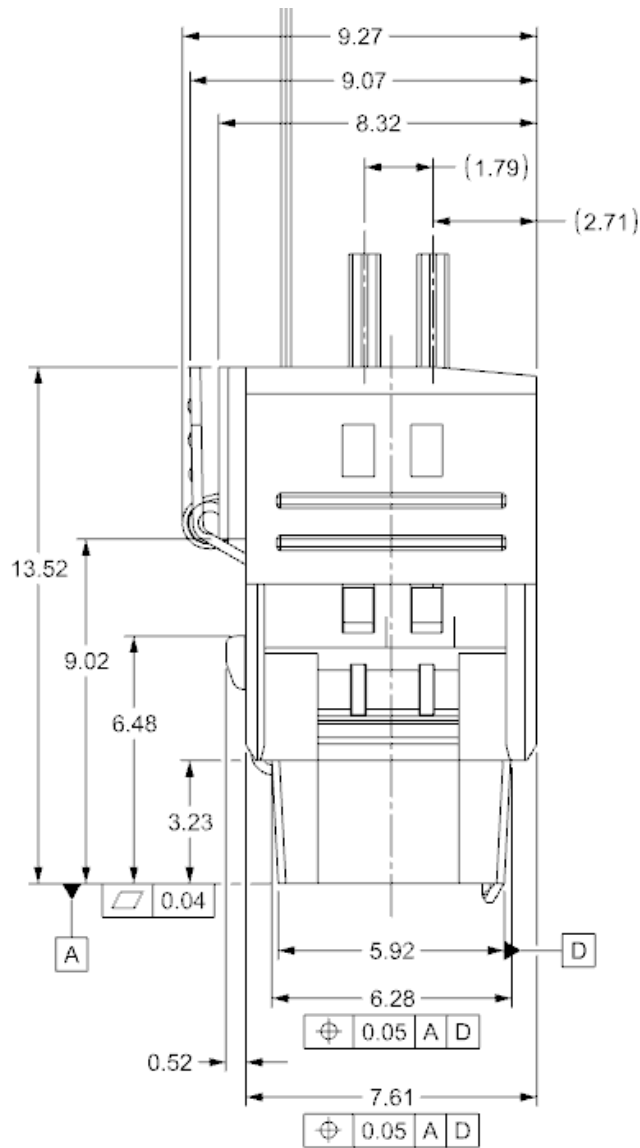


Figure 6-7: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Vertical (90°) Cable Exit & Pull Tab

### 6.2.4 Free-side Variant 4: Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit NON Pull-Tab

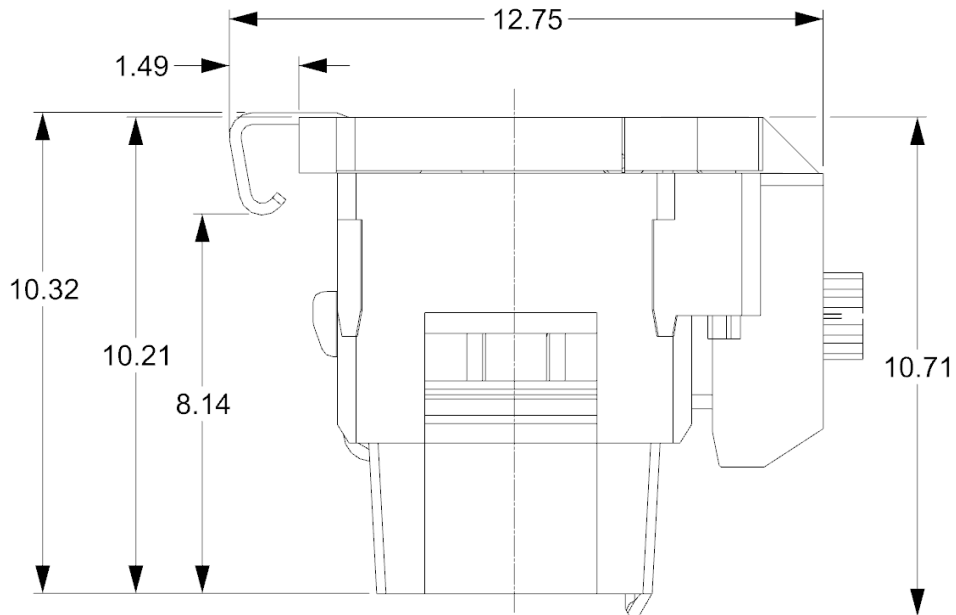


Figure 6-8: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit & NON Pull-Tab

### 6.2.5 Free-side Variant 5: 60° Angle Cable Exit NON Pull-Tab

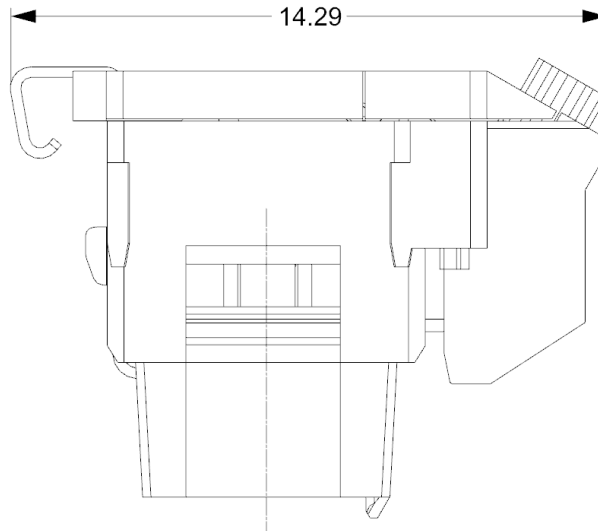


Figure 6-9: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with 60° Angle Cable Exit & NON Pull Tab

All dimensions shown in Figure 6-8 also apply to the free-side connector with 60° angle cable exit and NON pull tab shown in Figure 6-9.

### 6.2.6 Free-side Variant 6: Dual-Bay Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab

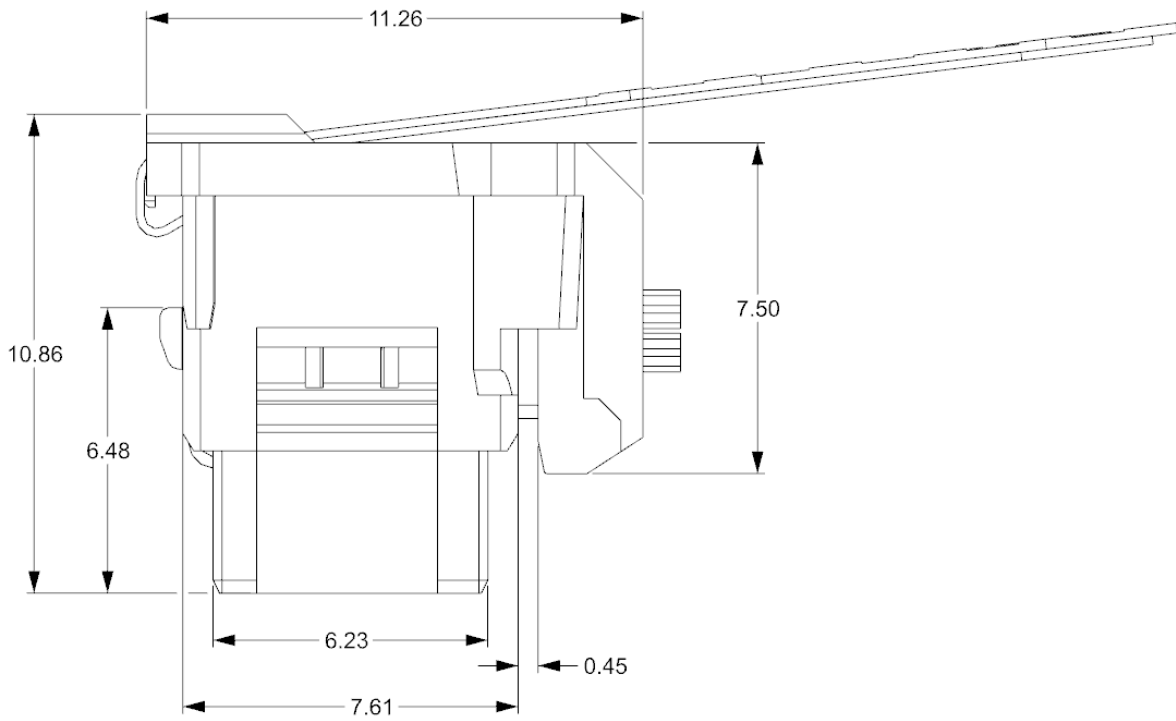


Figure 6-10: Dual-Bay Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit & Pull Tab

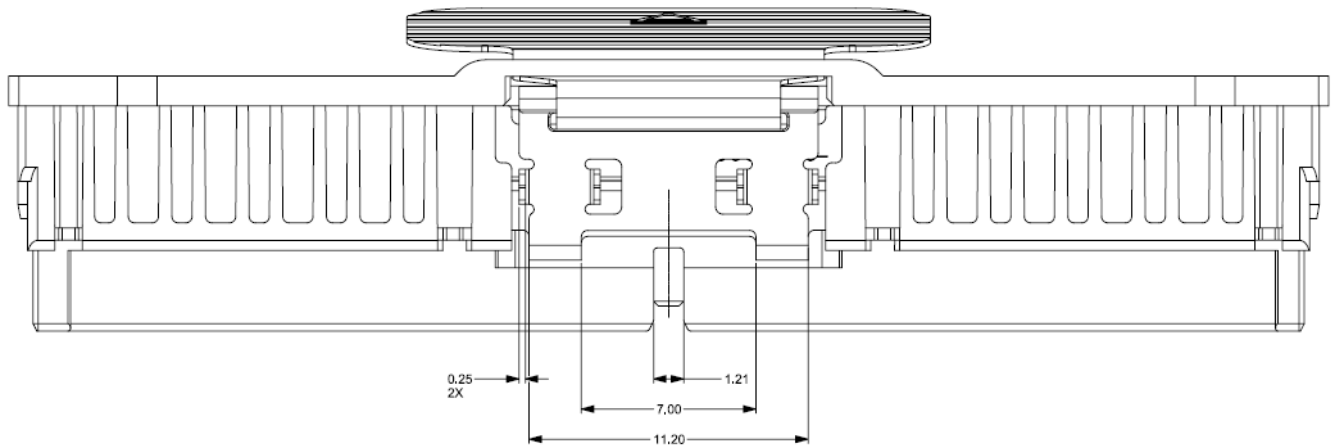


Figure 6-11: Dual-Bay Latch of Free-Side Connector

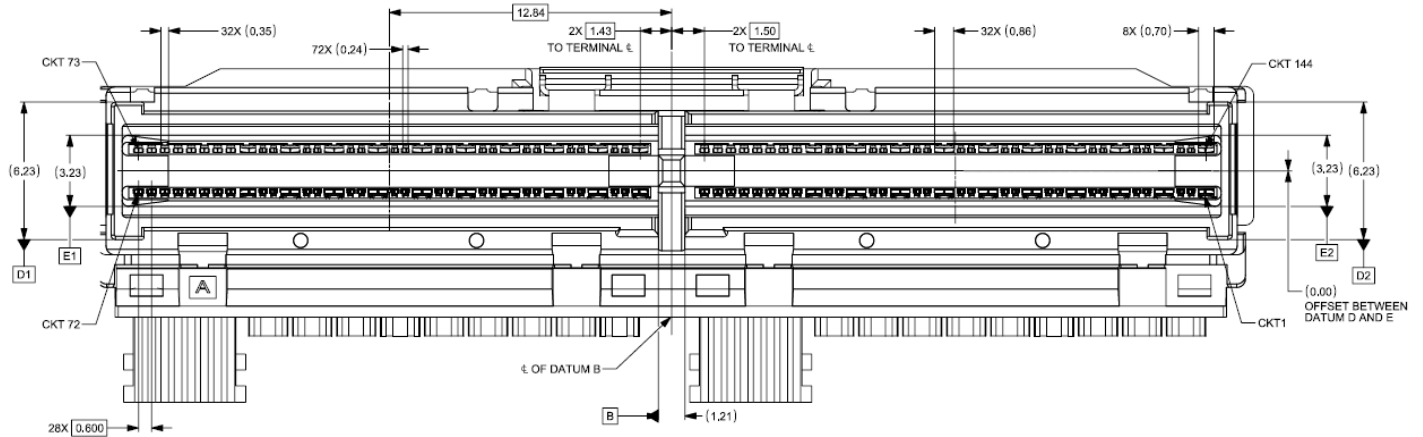


Figure 6-12: Top View of Free-Side Connector in Relation to Housing

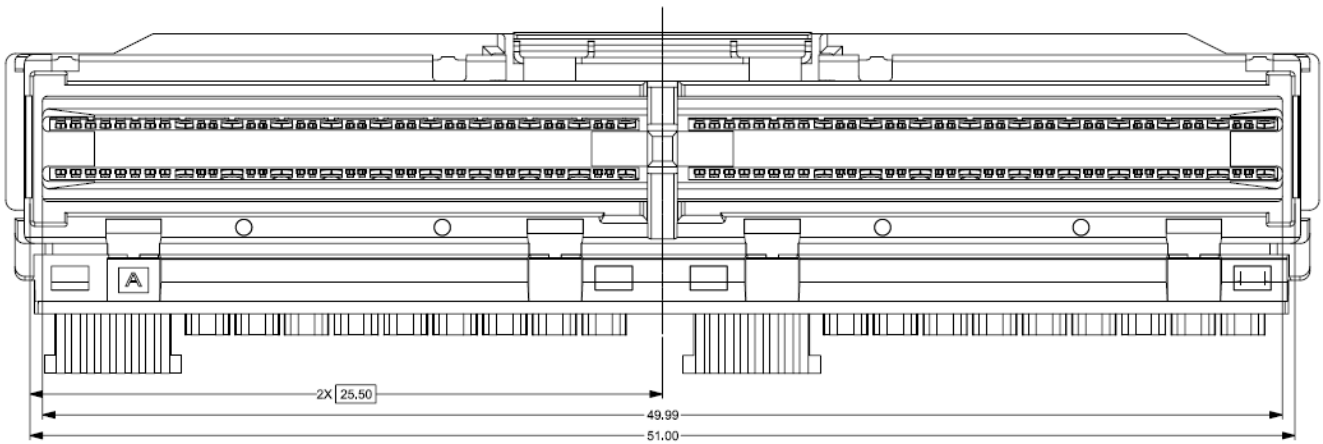
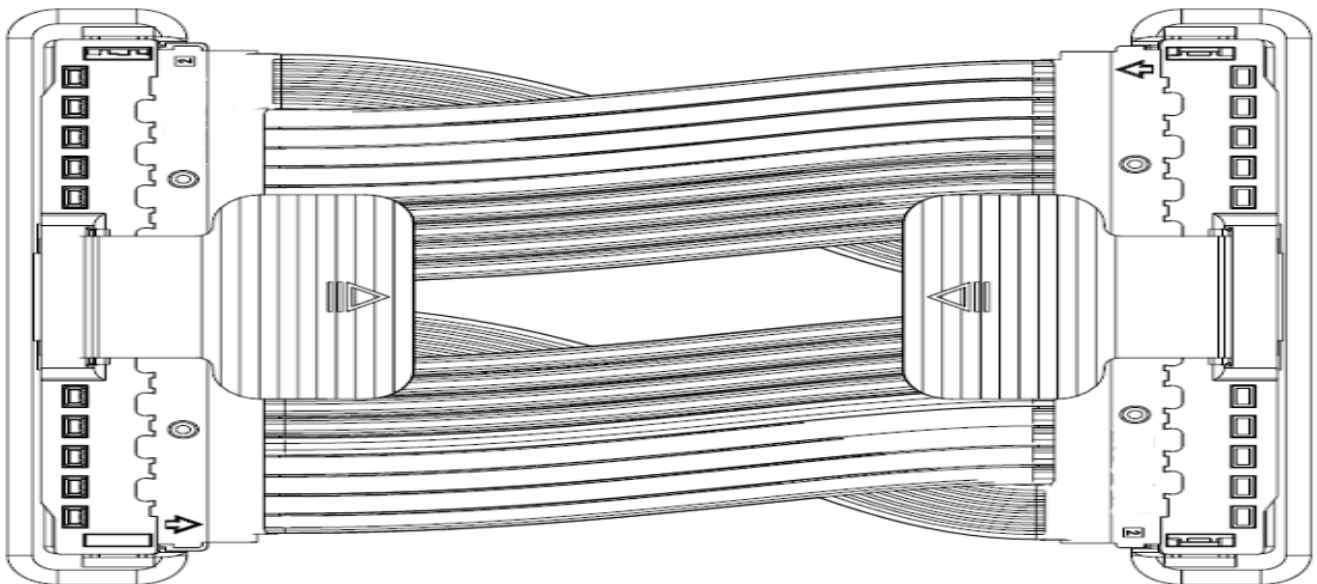
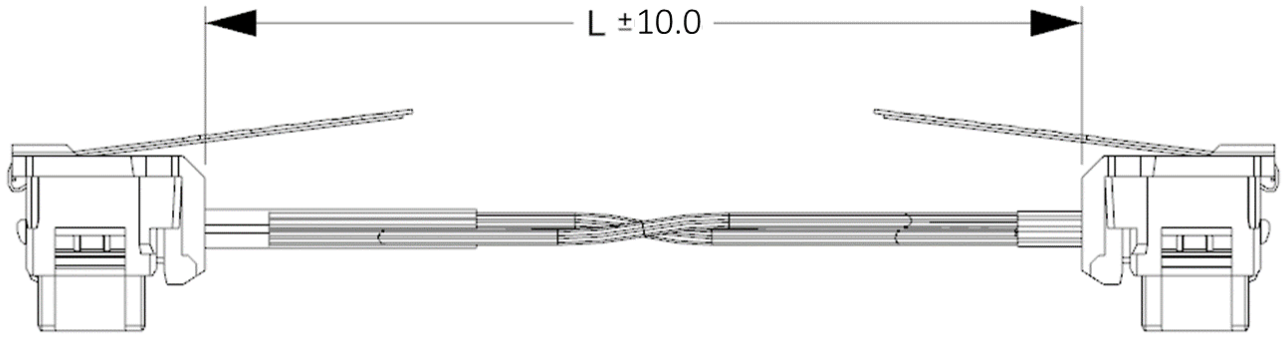


Figure 6-13: Front View of Free-Side Connector





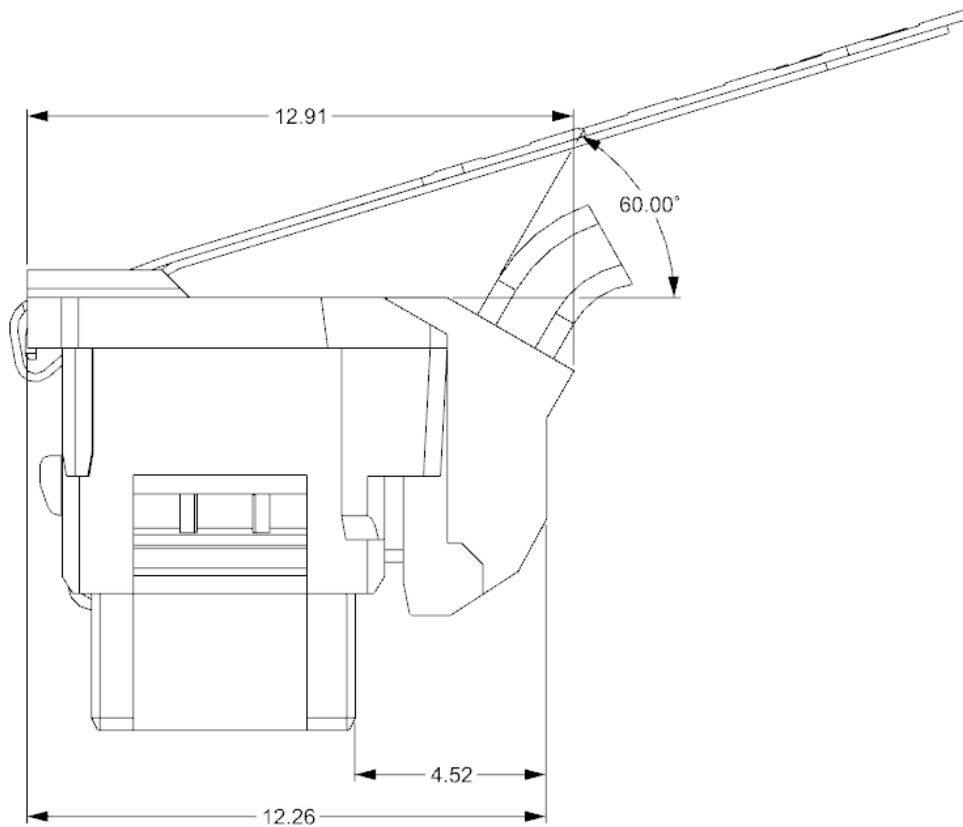
LENGTH IS MEASURED BY REMOVING SLACK FROM THE CABLE

**Figure 6-14: Finished Cable Assembly with Length Dimension**

**Table 6-2: Typical Cable-Connector Required Lengths**

Dimension "L"
400
900
1000
1200
1500
1900

**6.2.7 Free-side Variant 7: Dual-Bay 60° Angle Cable Exit with Pull-Tab**



**Figure 6-15: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with 60° Angle Cable Exit & Pull Tab**



## 7. Dust Covers

### 7.1 Free-Side Connector Dust Cover

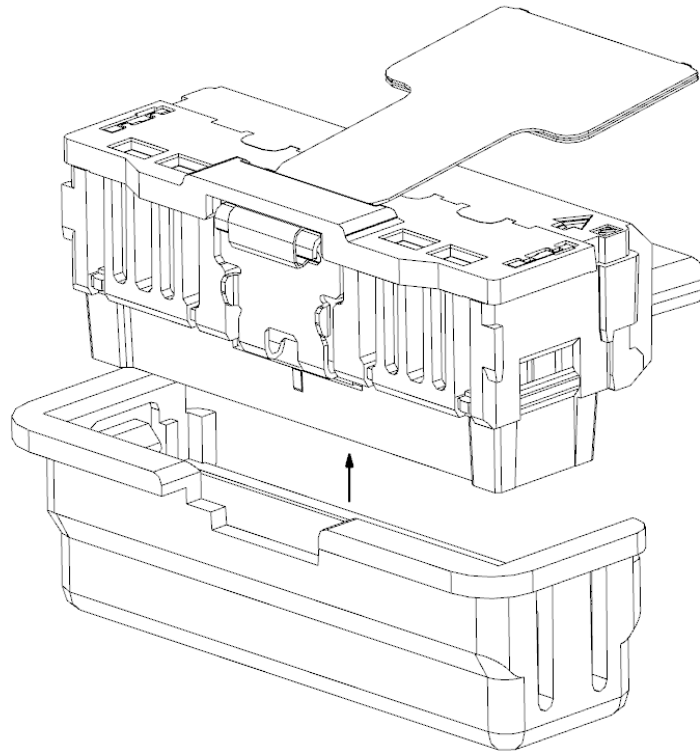


Figure 7-1: Free-Side Connector & Dust Cover Assembly Direction

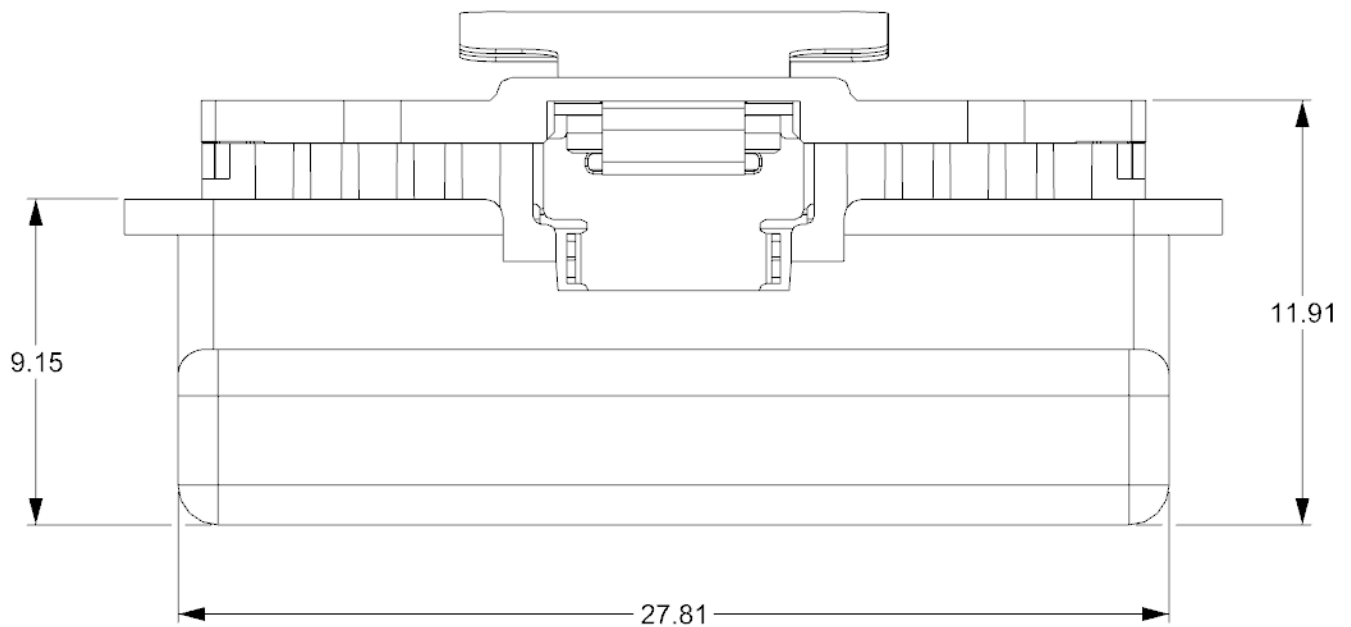
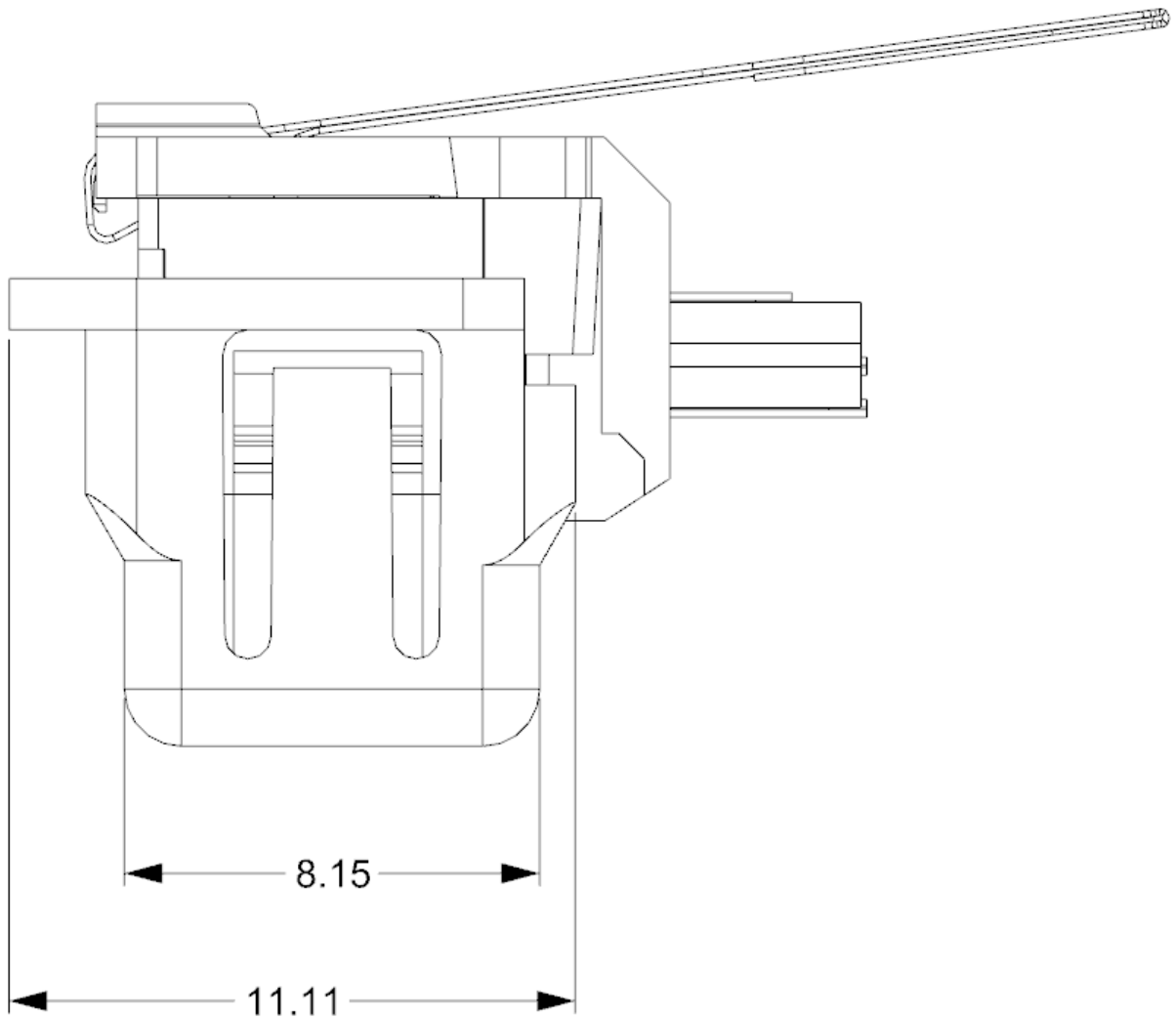


Figure 7-2: Top View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached



**Figure 7-3: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached**

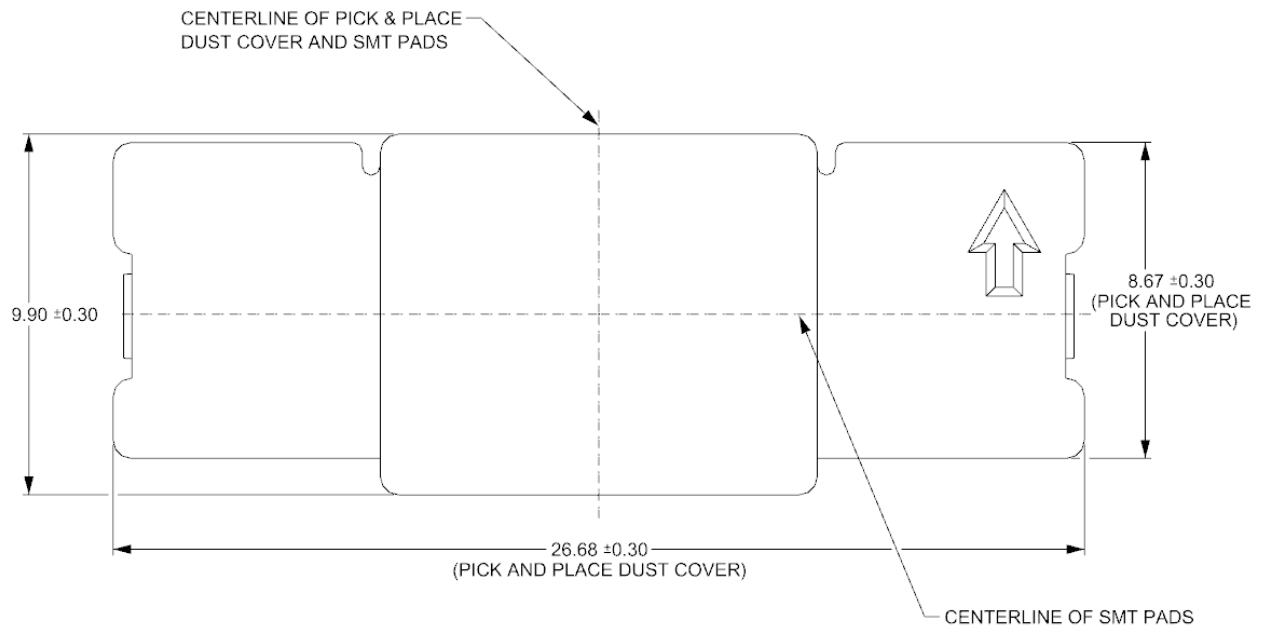


Figure 7-4: Top View of Vacuum Cap for Cage

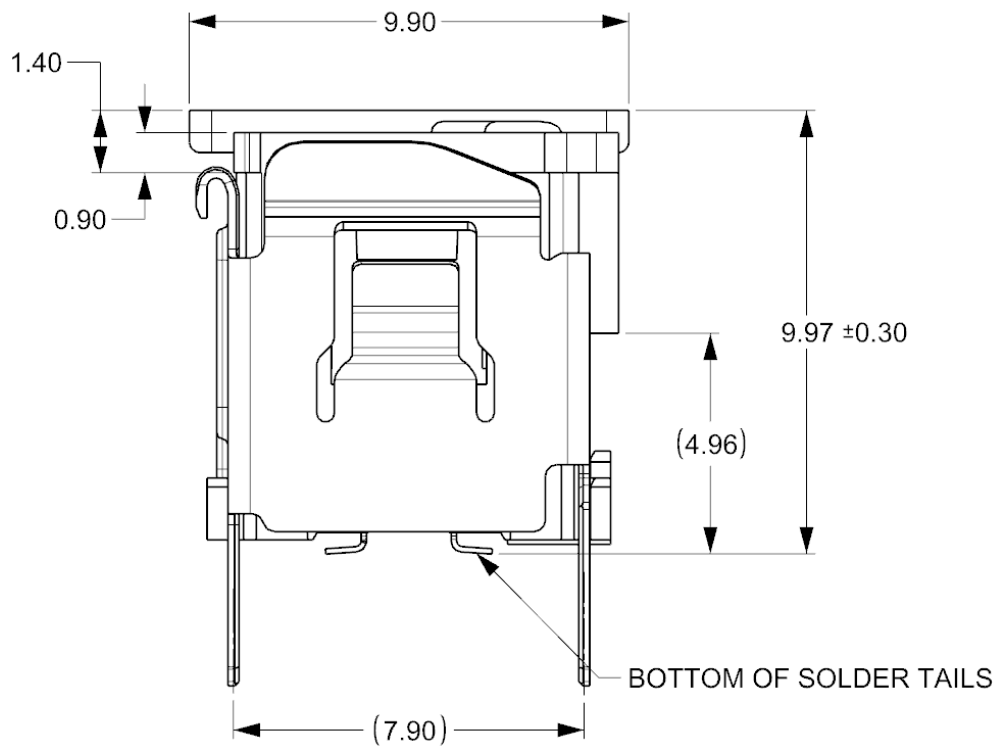
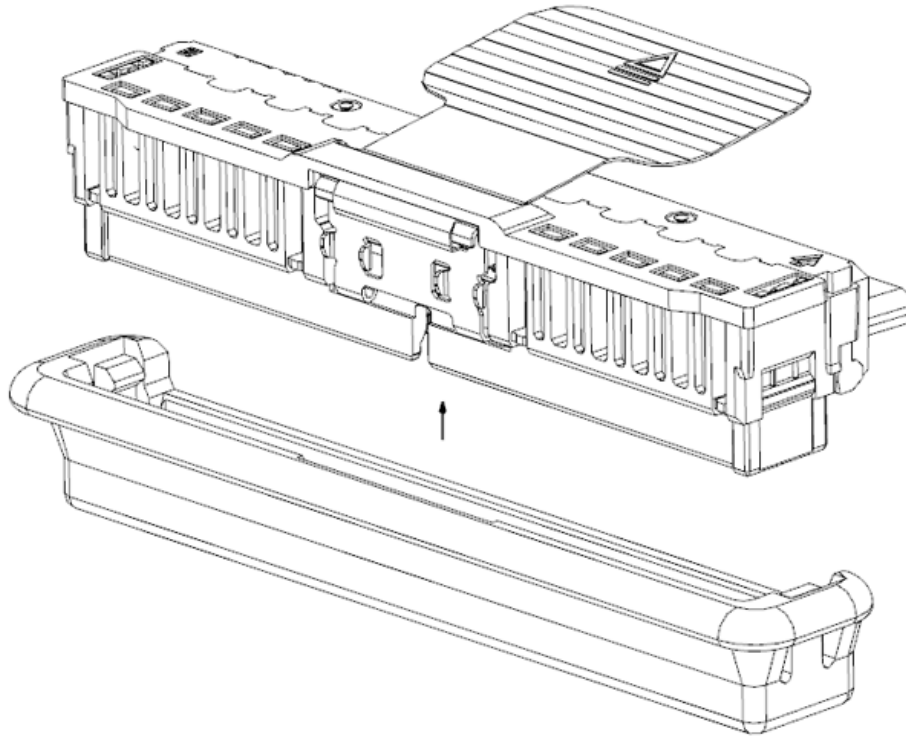
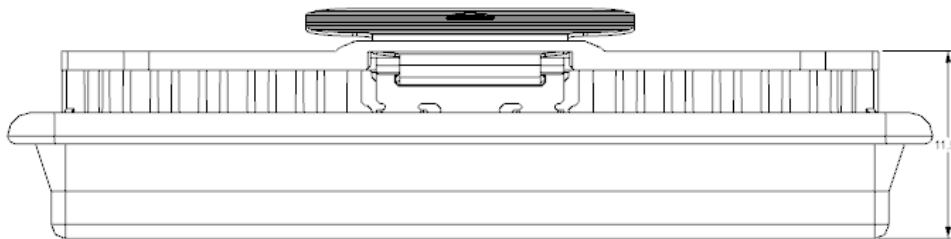


Figure 7-5: Profile View of Vacuum Cap for Cage

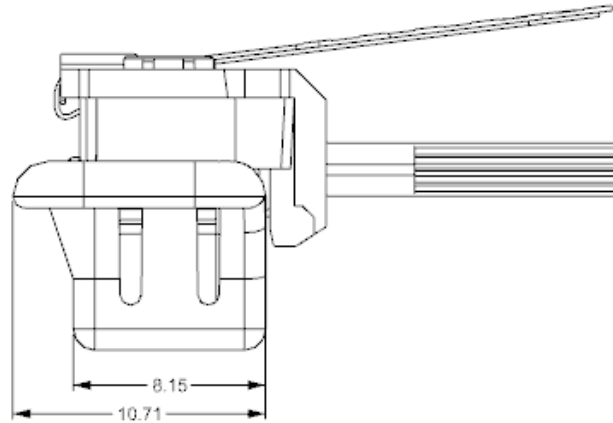
## 7.2 Dual-Bay Dust Cover



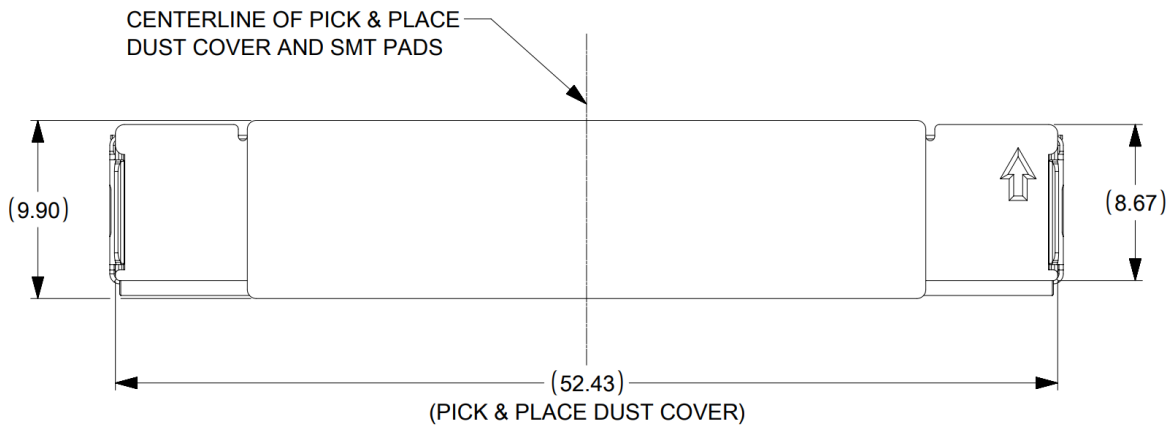
**Figure 7-6: Free-Side Connector & Dust Cover Assembly Direction**



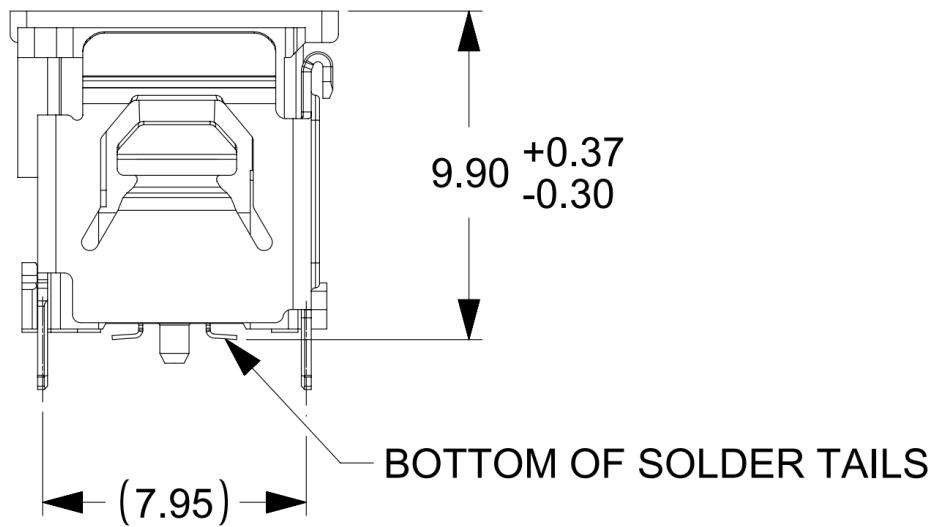
**Figure 7-7: Top View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached**



**Figure 7-8: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached**



**Figure 7-9: Top View of Vacuum Cap for Cage**



**Figure 7-10: Profile View of Vacuum Cap for Cage**

## 8. Test Requirements and Methodologies (TS-1000, etc.)

### 8.1 Performance Tables

EIA-364-1000 (TS-1000) shall be used to define the test sequences and procedures for evaluating the connector system described in this document. Where multiple test options are available, the manufacturer shall select the appropriate option where not previously specified. The selected procedure should be noted when reporting data. If there are conflicting requirements or test procedures between EIA-364 procedures and those contained within this document, this document shall be considered the prevailing authority.

Unless otherwise specified, procedures for sample size, data, and collection to be followed as specified in EIA-364-1000. See EIA-364-1000 Annex B for objectives of tests and test groups.

Table 8-1 summarizes the performance criteria that are to be satisfied by the connector described in this document. Most performance criteria are validated by EIA-364-1000 testing, but this test suite leaves some test details to be determined. To ensure that testing is repeatable, these details are identified in Table 8-2. Finally, testing procedures used to validate any performance criteria not included in EIA-364-1000 are provided in Table 8-3.

**Table 8-1: Form Factor Performance Requirements**

<b>Performance Parameters</b>	<b>Description/ Details</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
<b>Mechanical/ Physical Requirements</b>		
<b>Plating Type</b>	Plating type on connector contacts	Precious
<b>Surface Treatment</b>	Surface treatment on connector contacts	Non-lubricated
<b>Wipe length</b>	Designed distance a contact traverses over a mating contact surface during mating and resting at a final position	Greater than 0.127mm
<b>Rated Durability Cycles</b>	The expected number of durability cycles a component is expected to encounter over the course of its life	Connector/ cage: 200 cycles
<b>Latched Mating Force*</b>	Amount of force needed to mate a module with a connector when latches are deactivated	27 N MAX
<b>Latch Retention*</b>	Amount of force the latching mechanism can withstand	109 N MIN 121 N MAX
<b>Environmental Requirements</b>		
<b>Field Life</b>	The expected service life for a component	7 years
<b>Field Temperature</b>	The expected service temperature for a component	0°C to 85°C
<b>Environmental Requirements</b>		
<b>Current*</b>	Maximum current to which a contact is exposed in use Refer to Table 4-2 for contact descriptions	0.65A per "S" contact MAX 0.30A per "SB" contact MAX
<b>Operating Rating Voltage</b>	Maximum voltage to which a contact is exposed in use	29.9V DC per contact MAX
<b>NOTE:</b> Performance criteria denoted with stars (*) are not validated by EIA-364-1000 testing. Refer to Table 8-3 for test procedures and pass/fail criteria.		

Table 8-2 describes the details necessary to perform the tests described in the EIA-364-1000 test sequences. Testing shall be done in accordance with EIA-364-1000 and the test procedures it identifies in such a way that the parameters/ requirements defined in Table 8-1 are met. Any information in this table supersedes EIA-364-1000.

**Table 8-2: EIA-364-1000 Test Details**

Test	Test Descriptions and Details	Pass/ Fail Criteria
<b>Mechanical/ Physical Tests</b>		
<b>Durability (preconditioning)</b>	EIA-364-09 To be tested with connector, cage, and module (Latches should not be locked)	No evidence of physical damage
<b>Durability (see Note 1)</b>	EIA-364-09 To be tested with connector, cage, and module (Latches should not be locked out per EIA-364-1000)	No visual damage to mating interface or latching mechanism
<b>Environmental Tests</b>		
<b>Mixed Flowing Gas (see Note 2)</b>	EIA-364-65 Class II See Table 4.1 in EIA-364-1000 for exposure times Test option Per EIA-364-1000: 2	10 mΩ MAX change from baseline
<b>Electrical Tests</b>		
<b>Low Level Contact Resistance (see Note 3)</b>	EIA-364-23 20 mV DC MAX, 100 mA MAX To include wire termination or connector-to-board termination	10 mΩ MAX change from baseline
<b>Dielectric Withstanding Voltage</b>	EIA-364-20 Method B 1000 VDC minimum for 1 minute Applied voltage may be product / application specific	No defect or breakdown between adjacent contacts -AND- 5 mA Max Leakage Current
<b>NOTES:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the durability requirement on the connector is greater than that of the module, modules may be replaced after their specified durability rating.</li> <li>2. Test option, temperature, duration must be reported.</li> <li>3. The first low level contact resistance reading in each test sequence is used to determine a baseline measurement. Subsequent measurements in each sequence are measured against this baseline.</li> </ol>		

Table 8-3 describes the testing procedures necessary to validate performance criteria not validated by EIA-364-1000 testing. The tests are to be performed in such a way that the parameters/ requirements defined in Table 8-1 are met.

**Table 8-3: Additional Test Procedures**

Test	Test Descriptions and Details	Pass/ Fail Criteria
<b>Mechanical/ Physical Tests</b>		
<b>Latched Mating Force</b>	EIA-364-13 To be tested with cage, connector, and module without heat sinks Latching mechanism deactivated (locked out)	Refer to Table 8-1 -AND- No physical damage to any components
<b>Latched Unmating Force</b>	EIA-364-13 To be tested with cage, connector, and module without heat sinks Latching mechanism deactivated (locked out)	
<b>Latch Retention</b>	EIA-364-13 To be tested with cage, connector, and module without heat sinks Latching mechanism engaged (not locked out)	
<b>Environmental Tests</b>		
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	EIA-364-32 Method A, Test Condition 1, Duration 4 Use min and max field temperatures listed in Table 8-1 for temperature range	Refer to Table 8-1
<b>Storage Humidity</b>	EIA-364-31	Refer to Table 8-1
<b>Electrical Tests</b>		
<b>Current</b>	EIA-364-70 Method 3, 30-degree temperature rise Contacts energized: Individually	Refer to Table 8-1 for current magnitude



## Appendix A. System Mechanical Specification (Normative)

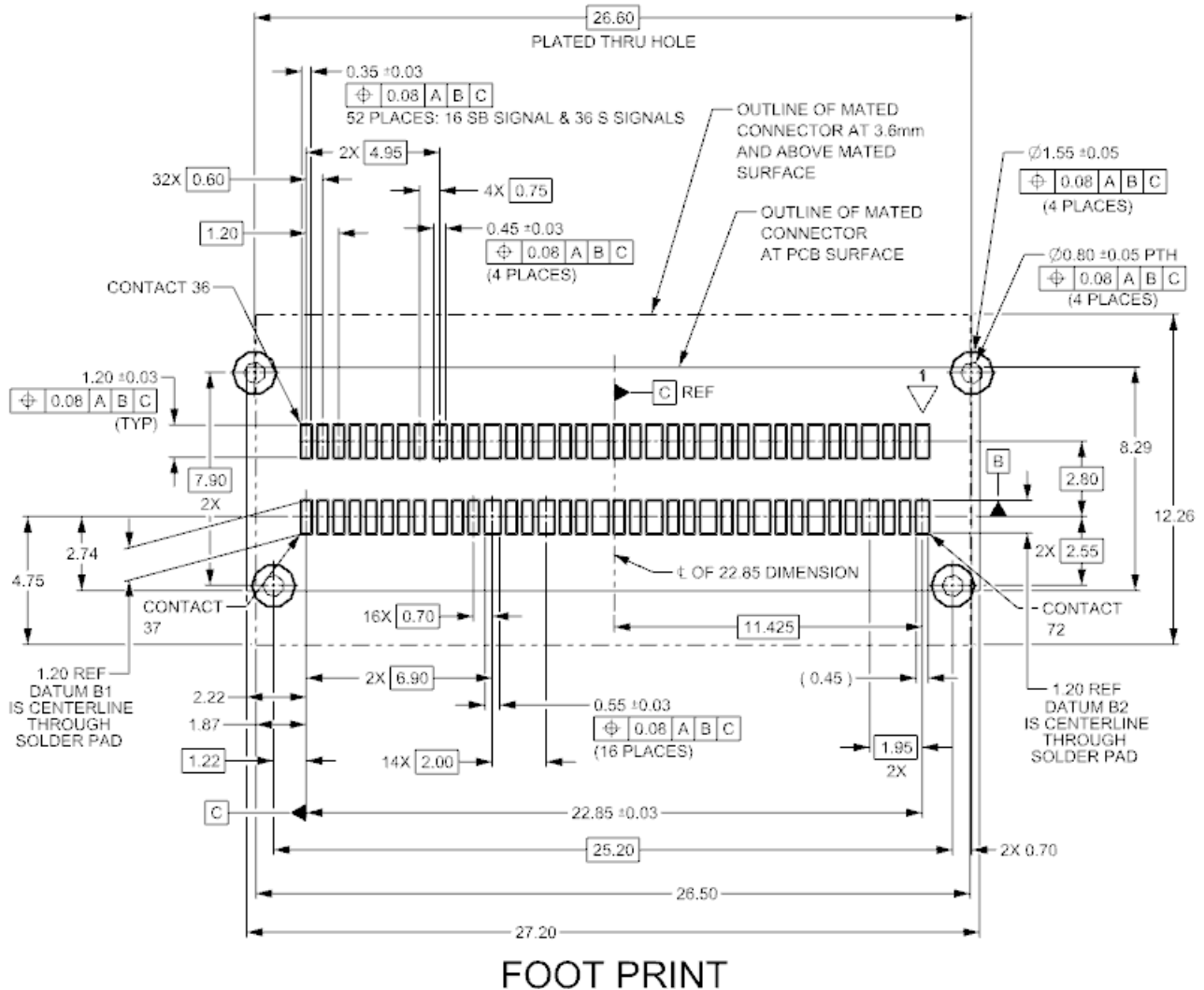
### A.1 Overview

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### A.2 PCB Layout

#### A.2.1 PCB Layout for 72P Connector Footprints

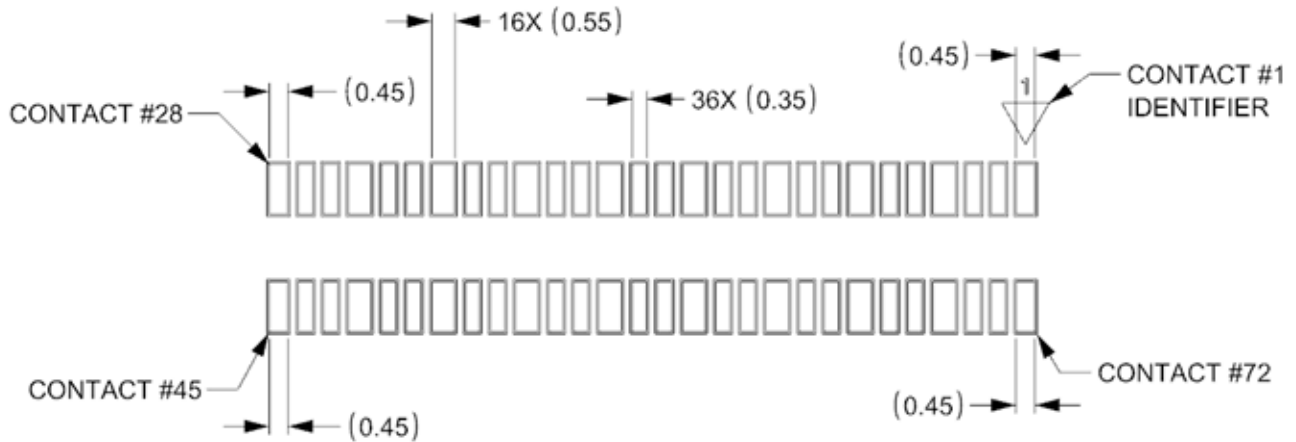
CABLES EMERGE FROM THIS SIDE OF THE MATED CONNECTORS



**NOTES:**

1. Datum -A- is the top of the PCB
2. Pin-in-paste soldering method is recommended, including thru-hole housing tails
3. Signal assignments are identified in Section 4.2

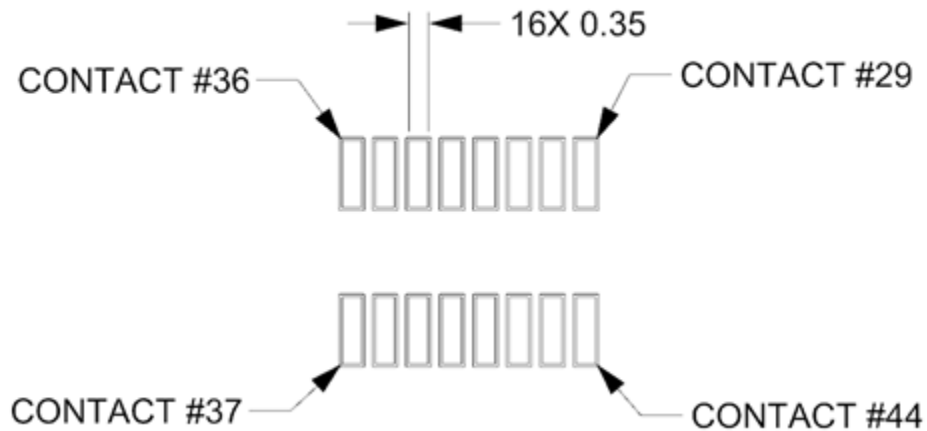
**Figure A-1: PCB Layout**



NOTES:

- 1. End grounds (END GND): Contacts 1, 28, 45, and 72; 0.45 wide
- 2. Grounds (GND): Contacts 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, & 69; 0.55 wide
- 3. Signals (S): All remaining contacts; 0.35 wide

**Figure A-2: Pad Width Detail 1**



NOTE: All contacts shown are sideband (SB) contacts

**Figure A-3: Pad Width Detail 2**

### A.2.2 PCB Layout for 144P Connector Footprints

CABLES EMERGE FROM THIS SIDE OF THE MATED CONNECTORS

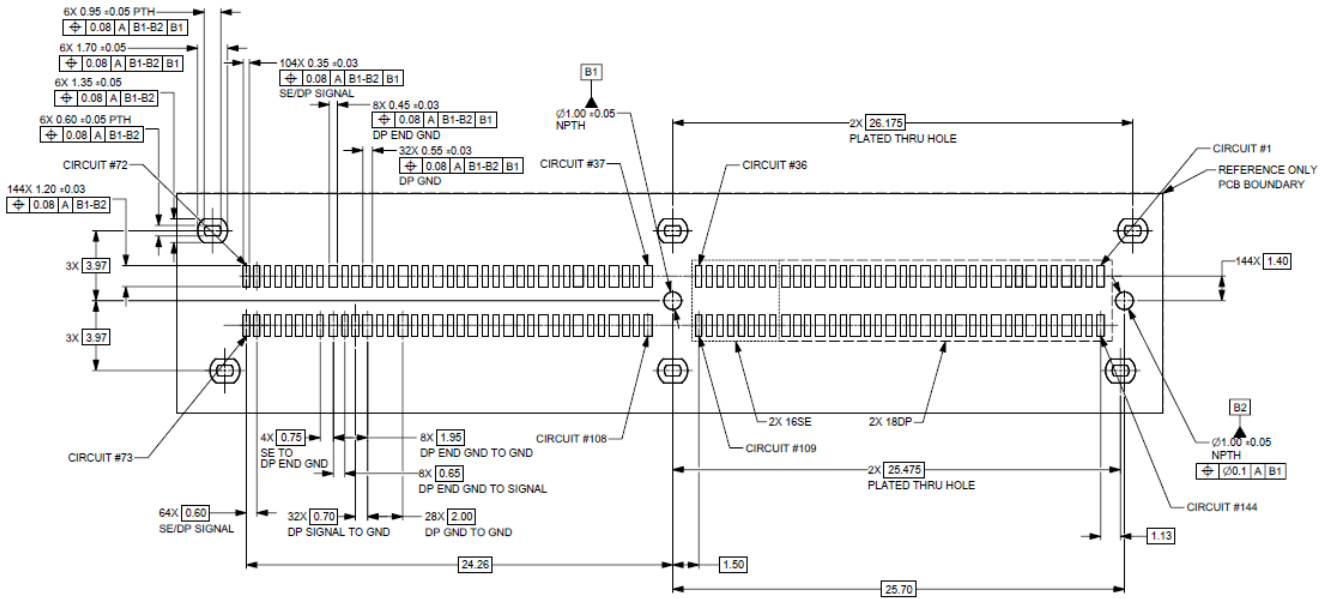


Figure A-4: Footprint for 2 Pegs Option

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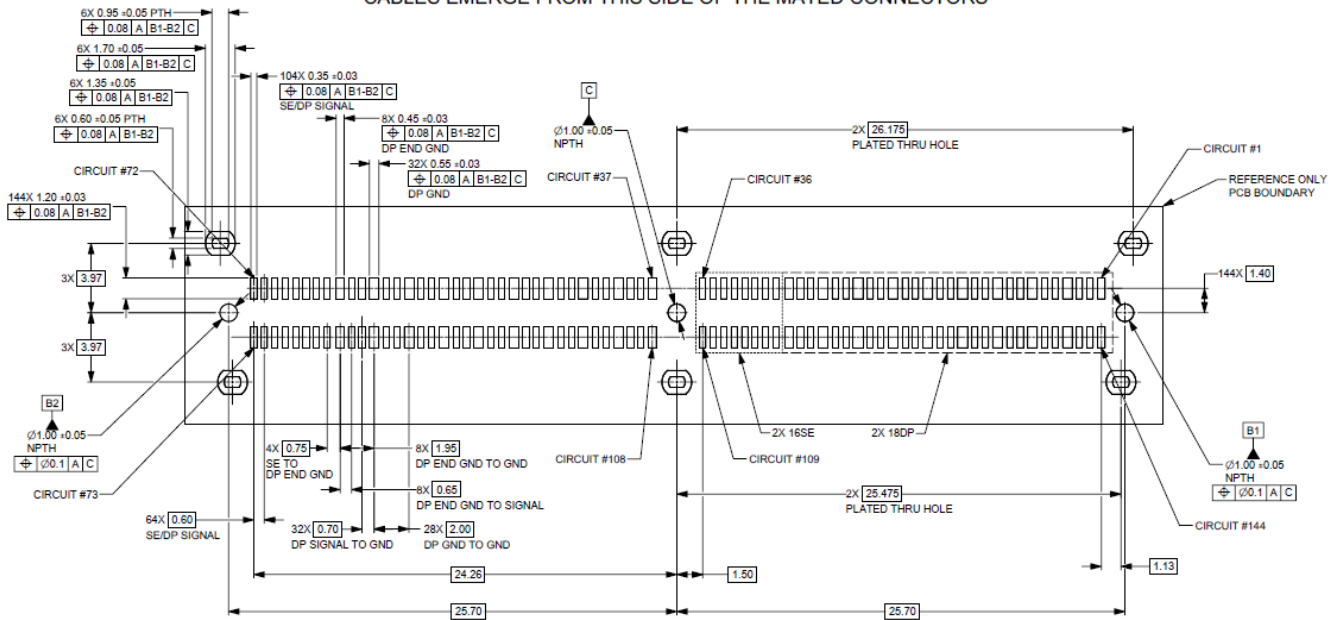
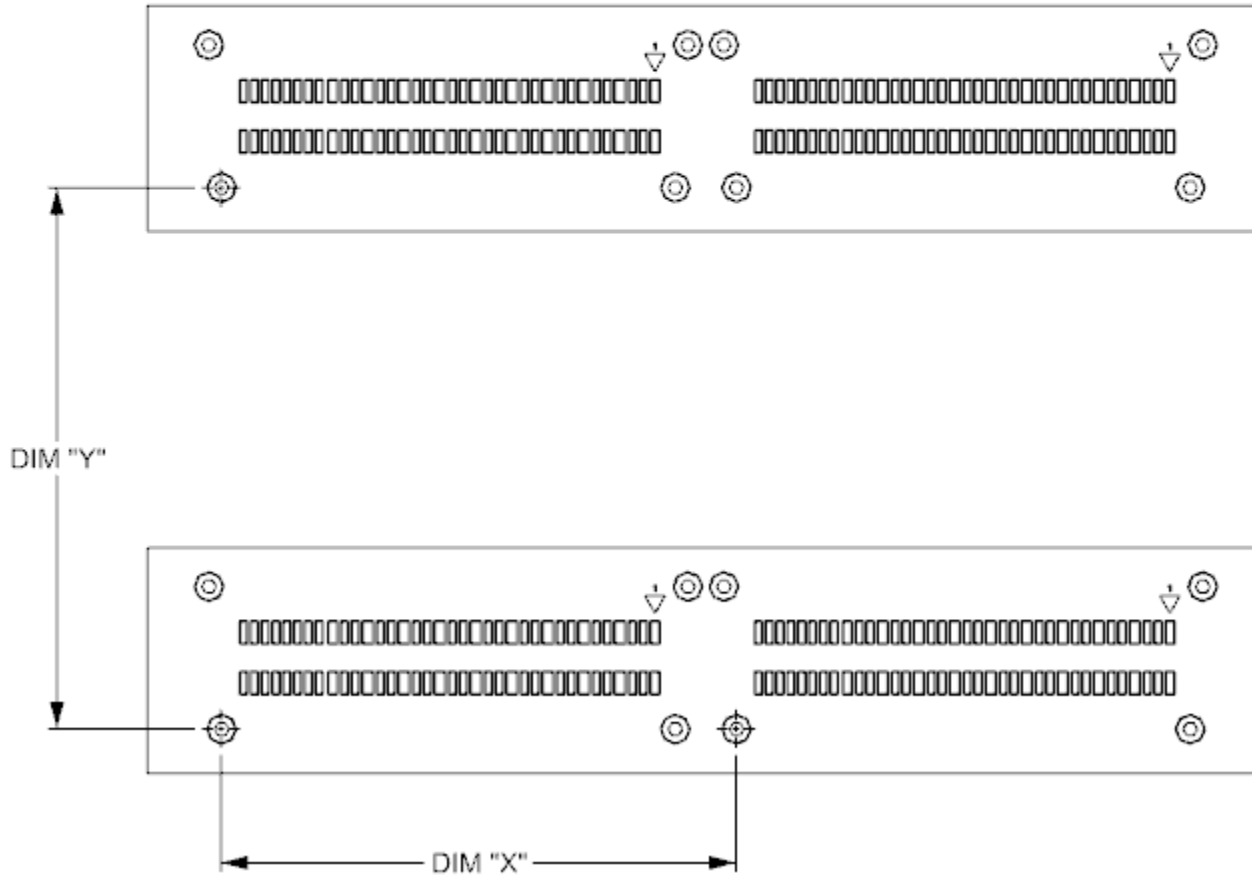


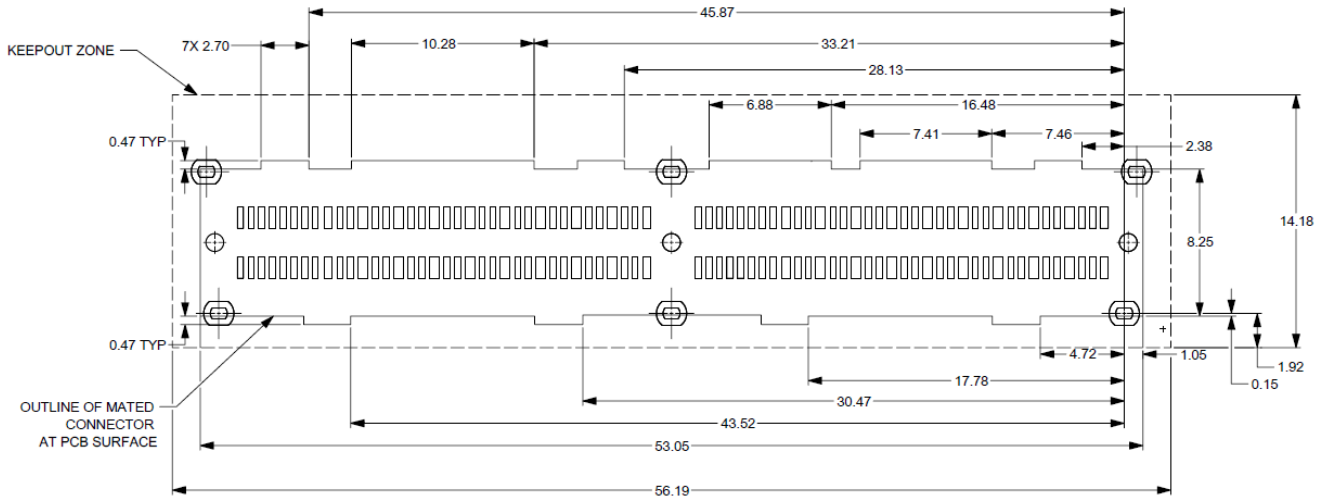
Figure A-5: Footprint for 3 pegs Option

**Appendix B. Minimum Connector Spacing Requirements (Informative)**

DESCRIPTION	DIM "X"	DIM "Y"
HORIZONTAL EXIT WITH PULL TAB	28.60	30.00
HORIZONTAL EXIT NON-PULL TAB	34.50	30.00
ANGLE EXIT WITH PULL TAB	28.60	15.00
ANGLE EXIT NON-PULL TAB	34.50	15.00
VERTICAL EXIT WITH PULL TAB	28.60	12.00



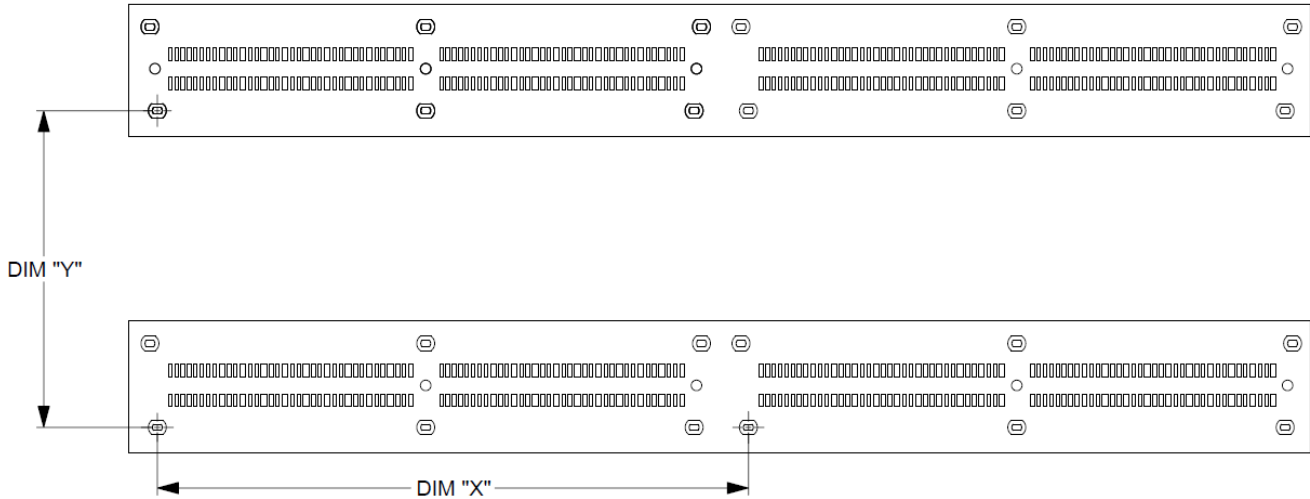
**Figure B-1: Minimum Connector Spacing Requirements for 72P Connector**



**Figure B-2: Outline of Mated Connector (144P) on PCB**

**Table B-1: Spacing Recommendation for Mating Receptable Cable Assemblies**

DESCRIPTION	DIM "X"	DIM "Y"
HORIZONTAL EXIT WITH PULL TAB	56.10	30
ANGLE EXIT WITH PULL TAB	56.10	15



**Figure B-3: Minimum Connector Spacing Requirements for 144P Connector**

### Appendix C. Gatherability (Informative)

The connector system is designed with lead-in chamfers on the fixed-side and free-side to allow the parts to mate without stubbing when not perfectly aligned. This gatherability works when the mating receptacle is allowed to “float” and find its way to the center of the free-side slot when fully mated. **These features are designed for easier mating but the connector system is not intended for blind mate applications.** If the fixed-side connector is rigidly held in place then it must be on center.

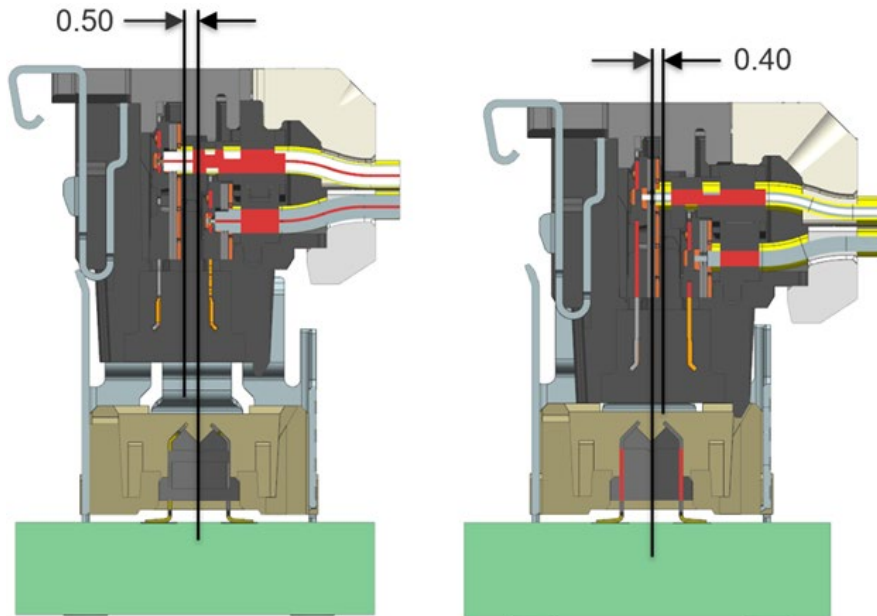


Figure C-1: Lateral Gatherability

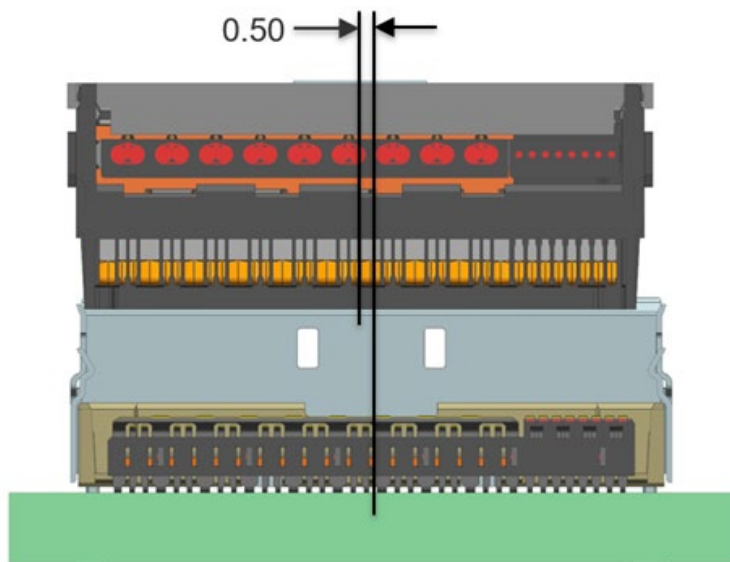
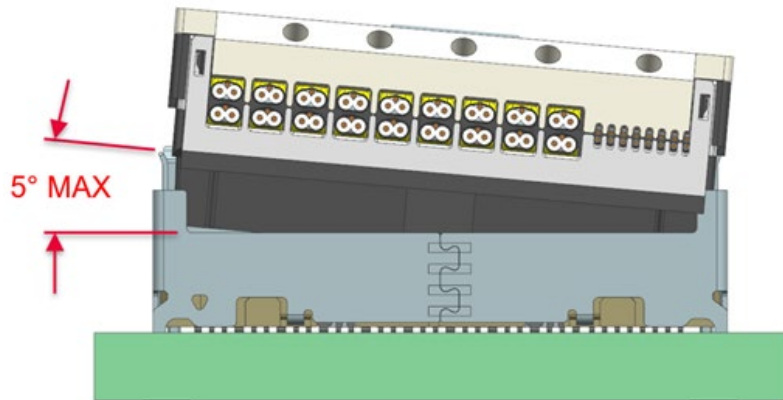


Figure C-2: Longitudinal Gatherability

To prevent damage to the connectors from over rotation proper care should be taken when mating and unmating

connectors. **The connector system is not intended for blind mate applications.** Minimizing angular mating is critical to avoid any damage caused during mating, which can occur at angles larger than 5°.



**Figure C-3: Angular Gatherability**