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ABSTRACT: This specification defines the Cable Optimized Boot Peripheral Connector: a shielded, board-to-board cable assembly and SMT board connector interface. The connector as shown has 10 differential pairs, 12 single-ended contacts, and 2 power contacts (4A). The cable-side connector is available in right angle exit and vertical exit configurations.

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- Added low profile connector variants with pin protection features
- Added vertical cable exit configurations
- Updated the configurations Overview/Descriptions in Section 4.1
- Created a new section for the low-profile connector variants
- Combined the previous sections for the standard height connector variants
- Added Gatherabitily drawings to the Appendix Section A.3
- Added Section 4.3 for Labeling Connector Types

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1. Scope

This specification defines the Cable Optimized Boot Peripheral Connector. This 48-contact interconnect system is a shielded, board-to-board solution that consists of 10 differential pairs, 12 single-ended signals, and 2 power contacts (4A). 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
- REF-TA-1011 Cross Reference to Select SFF Connectors
- OCP M-PIC Platform Infrastructure Connectivity Base Specification
- OCP DC-MHS Datacenter – Modular Hardware Systems Rev 1.0 Family

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PCIe	PCI-SIG	http://pcisig.com

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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.

LISTS

Lists sequenced by lowercase or uppercase letters show no ordering relationship between the listed items.

EXAMPLE 1 - The following list shows no relationship between the named items:

a. red (i.e., one of the following colors):
    A. crimson; or
    B. pink;
b. blue; or
c. green.

Lists sequenced by numbers show an ordering relationship between the listed items.

EXAMPLE 2 -The following list shows an ordered relationship between the named items:

1. top;
2. middle; and
3. bottom.

Lists are associated with an introductory paragraph or phrase and are numbered relative to that paragraph or phrase (i.e., all lists begin with an a. or 1. entry).

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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
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1,000	1 000	1 000
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For the purposes of this document, the following keywords, acronyms, and definitions apply.

3.1 Keywords

May: Indicates flexibility of choice with no implied preference.

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

Obsolete: Indicates that an item was defined in prior specifications but has been removed from this specification.

Optional: Describes features which are not required by the SFF specification. However, if any feature defined by the SFF specification is implemented, it shall be done in the same way as defined by the specification. Describing a feature as optional in the text is done to assist the reader.

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Reserved: Defines the signal on a connector contact. Its actual function is set aside for future standardization. It is not available for vendor specific use. Where this term is used for bits, bytes, fields, and code values; the bits, bytes, fields, and code values are set aside for future standardization. The default value shall be zero. The originator is required to define a Reserved field or bit as zero, but the receiver should not check Reserved fields or bits for zero.

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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.

Vendor specific: Indicates something (e.g., a bit, field, code value) that is not defined by this specification. Specification of the referenced item is determined by the manufacturer and may be used differently in various implementations.

3.2 Acronyms and Abbreviations

IDC: Insulation Displacement Contact
IDT: Insulation Displacement Termination
PCB: Printed Circuit Board
PF: Press Fit
PTH: Plated Through Hole
RA: Right Angle
RAND: Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory
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. An example is shown in Figure 3-1.

Free-side connector: A term used to describe connector terminals that make electrical connections across a separable interface (i.e. the cable end). An example is shown in Figure 3-1.

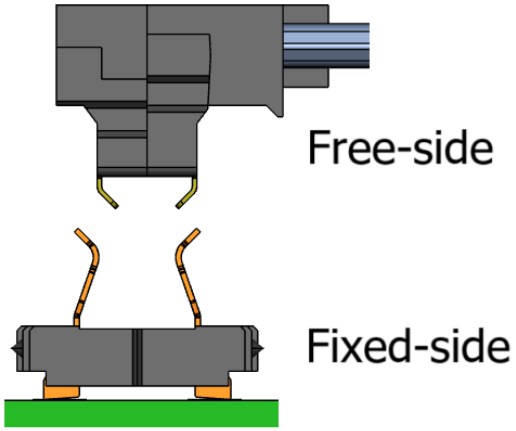

Figure 3-1: Fixed-side and Free-side Connector Definition

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.

Type 1: A term used to describe the standard height connector variants without the pin protection features.

Type 2: A term used to describe the lower profile connector variants with pin protection features.

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

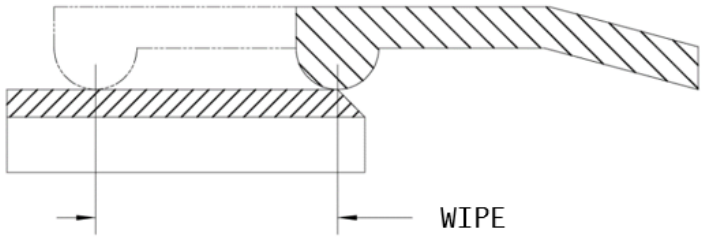

Figure 3-2: Wipe for a Continuous Contact

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 four free-side connectors. Free-side connectors may have one of two different cable exit directions (right angle or vertical and may or may not have a pull tab).

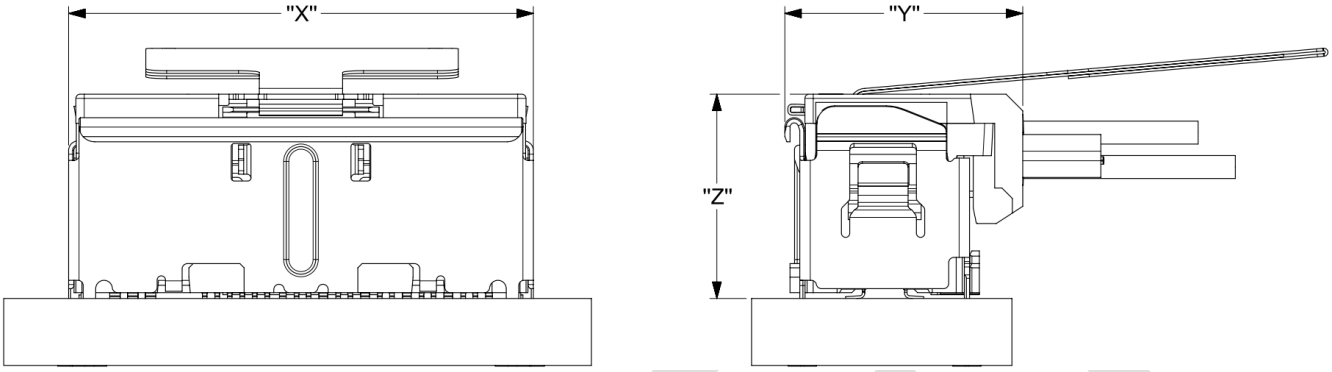

Figure 4-1: Overall Dimensions for Connector/ Cable Configurations

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

Config	Description	Type 1			Type 2		
		Dim "X"	Dim "Y"	Dim "Z"	Dim "X"	Dim "Y"	Dim "Z"
1	Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab	23.30	11.42	11.75	22.30	11.42	9.80
2	Free-Side Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit with NON Pull-Tab	23.30	12.75	11.20	N/A	NA	NA
3	Free-Side Vertical (90°) Cable Exit with Pull-Tab	22.30	10.02	14.40	22.30	10.02	14.40

Table 4-2 Compatibility Matrix for Type 1 and Type 2 connector Configurations

	Type 1 – Free-Side	Type 2 – Free-Side
Type 1 – Fixed-Side	Fully Supported	Not Supported (see Note 2)
Type 2 – Fixed-Side	Supported – limited to Type 1 capability	Fully Supported

NOTES:
1. It is recommended that all future designs use the Type 2 fixed-side connector.
2. Insertion force required to latch Type 2 free-side connector into Type 1 fixed-side connector exceeds the limits specified in Table 7-1.
3. Connector Type 2 shall be clearly labeled with "G6" to indicate support for PCIe 6.0 speeds. Connector Type 1 may be labeled with "G5" to indicate support for PCIe 5.0 speeds. Refer to Section 4.3 for the exact label placement.

4.1.1 Connector Configuration 1: With Free-Side Horizontal (0º) Cable Exit

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.

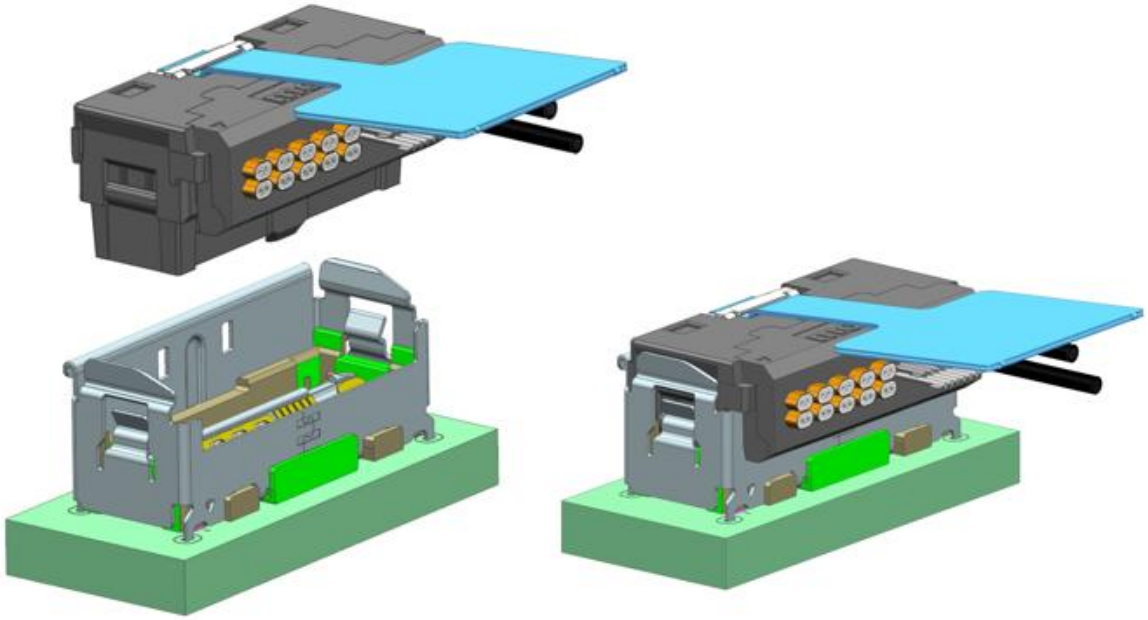

Figure 4-2: Configuration 1 - Unmated and Mated

4.1.2 Connector Configuration 2: With Free-Side Horizontal (0º) 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).

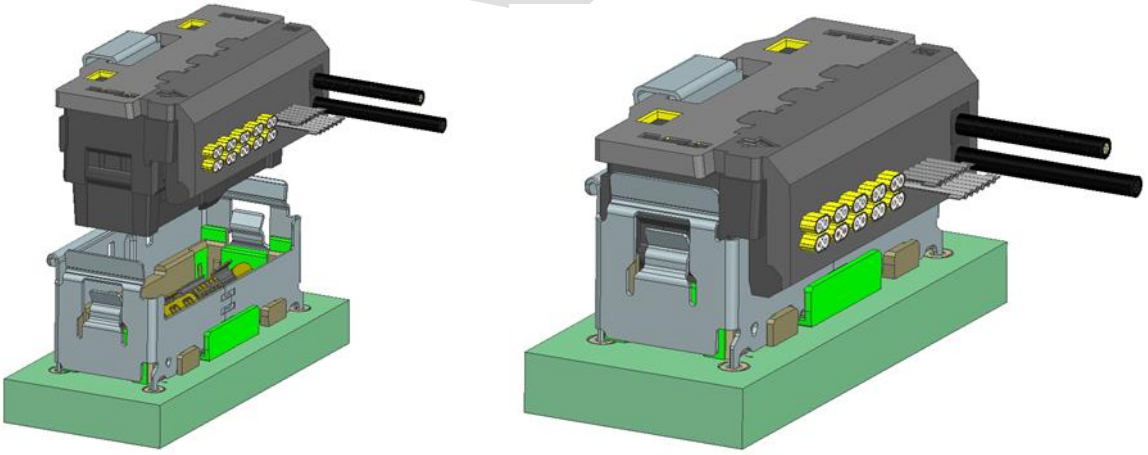

Figure 4-3: Configuration 2- Unmated and Mated

4.1.3 Connector Configuration 3: With Free-Side Vertical (90º) 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.

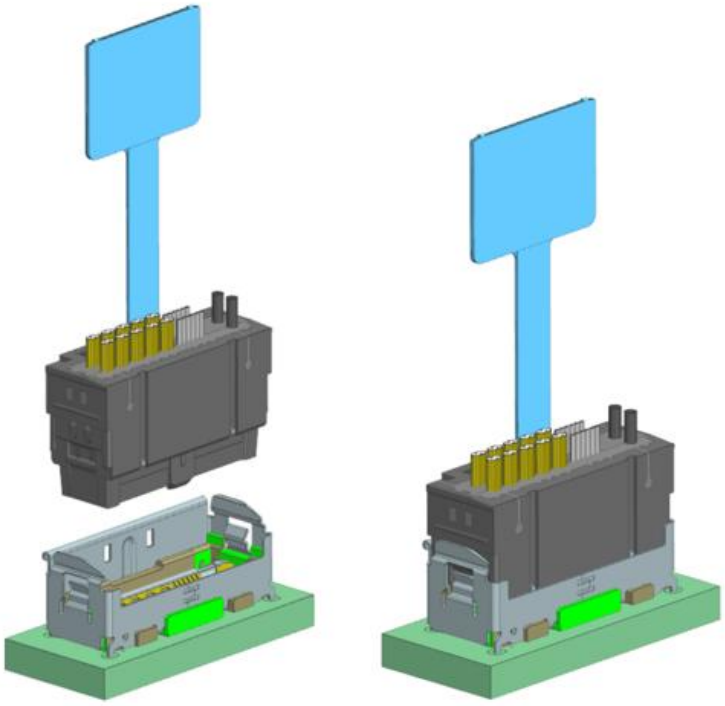

Figure 4-4: Configuration 3- Unmated and Mated

4.2 Contact Numbering

The pins or electrical contacts in this connector are numbered as shown in Figure 4-5. Electrical assignments are captured in Table 4-3. 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". Power contacts are labeled "PWR".

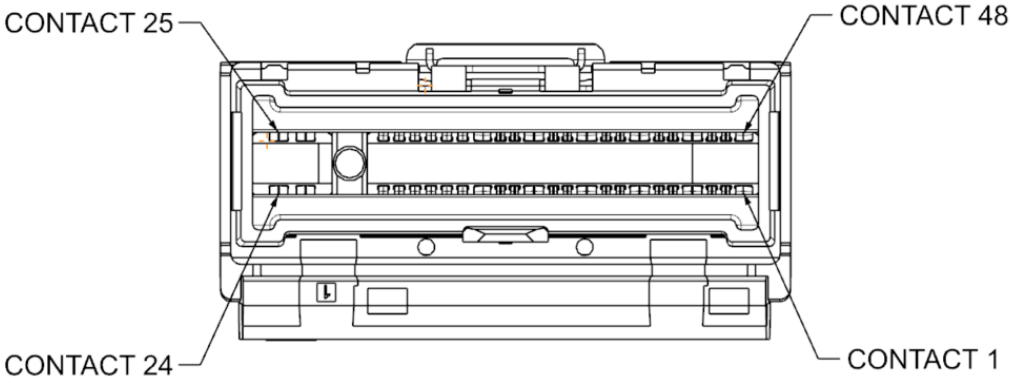

Figure 4-5: Free-Side Connector Contact Numbering

Table 4-3: Free-Side Connector Pin Out

P1			P2		
CKT	Assignment	Contact	Contact	Assignment	CKT
1	GND	1	33	GND	31
2	S	2	34	S	32
3	S	3	35	S	33
4	GND	4	36	GND	34
5	S	5	37	S	35
6	S	6	38	S	36
7	GND	7	39	GND	37
8	S	8	40	S	38
9	S	9	41	S	39
10	GND	10	42	GND	40
11	S	11	43	S	41
12	S	12	44	S	42
13	GND	13	45	GND	43
14	S	14	46	S	44
15	S	15	47	S	45
16	GND	16	48	GND	46
17	SB	17	27	SB	25
18	SB	18	28	SB	26
19	SB	19	29	SB	27
20	SB	20	30	SB	28
21	SB	21	31	SB	29
22	SB	22	32	SB	30
23	PWR	23	23	PWR	23
		24	24		

P1			P2		
CKT	Assignment	Contact	Contact	Assignment	CKT
24	PWR	25	25	PWR	24
		26	26		
25	SB	27	17	SB	17
26	SB	28	18	SB	18
27	SB	29	19	SB	19
28	SB	30	20	SB	20
29	SB	31	21	SB	21
30	SB	32	22	SB	22
31	GND	33	1	GND	1
32	S	34	2	S	2
33	S	35	3	S	3
34	GND	36	4	GND	4
35	S	37	5	S	5
36	S	38	6	S	6
37	GND	39	7	GND	7
38	S	40	8	S	8
39	S	41	9	S	9
40	GND	42	10	GND	10
41	S	43	11	S	11
42	S	44	12	S	12
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44	S	46	14	S	14
45	S	47	15	S	15
46	GND	48	16	GND	16

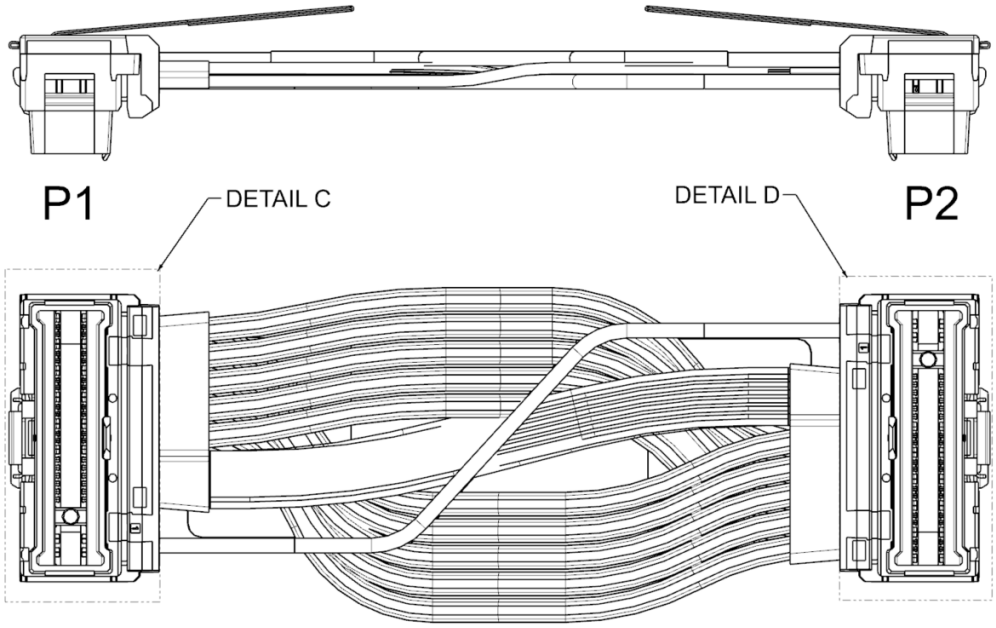

Figure 4-6: Cable Assembly Free-side Connector Numbering

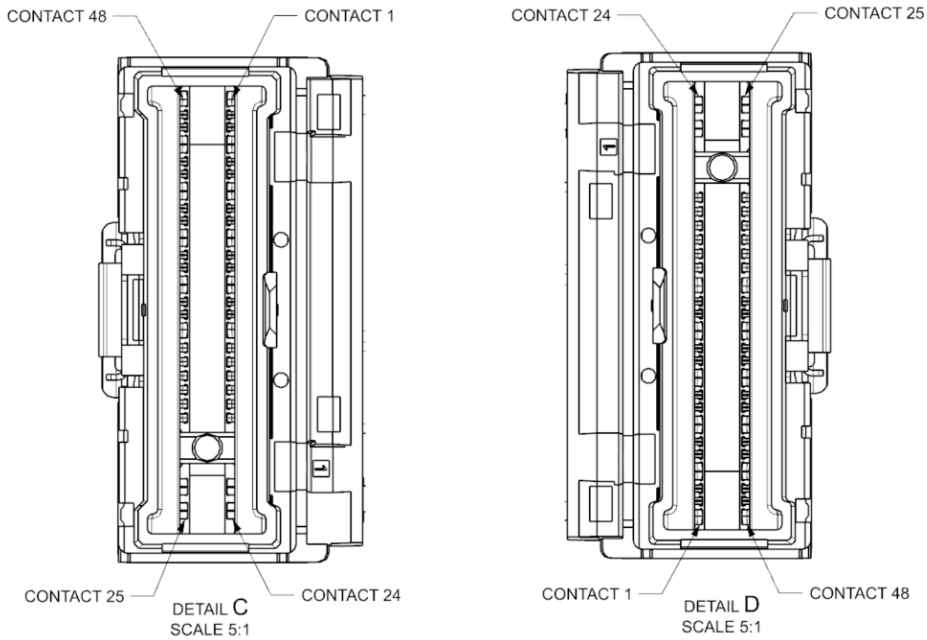

Figure 4-7: Cable Assembly Free-Side Connector Contact Numbering

Table 4-4: Cable Assembly Wiring Diagram

P1			P2			P1			P2		
Cable #	Assignment	Contact	Contact	Assignment	Cable #	Cable #	Assignment	Contact	Contact	Assignment	Cable #
1	GND	1	33	GND	31	24	PWR	25	25	PWR	24
2	S	2	34	S	32			26	26		
3	S	3	35	S	33	25	SB	27	17	SB	17
4	GND	4	36	GND	34	26	SB	28	18	SB	18
5	S	5	37	S	35	27	SB	29	19	SB	19
6	S	6	38	S	36	28	SB	30	20	SB	20
7	GND	7	39	GND	37	29	SB	31	21	SB	21
8	S	8	40	S	38	30	SB	32	22	SB	22
9	S	9	41	S	39	31	GND	33	1	GND	1
10	GND	10	42	GND	40	32	S	34	2	S	2
11	S	11	43	S	41	33	S	35	3	S	3
12	S	12	44	S	42	34	GND	36	4	GND	4
13	GND	13	45	GND	43	35	S	37	5	S	5
14	S	14	46	S	44	36	S	38	6	S	6
15	S	15	47	S	45	37	GND	39	7	GND	7
16	GND	16	48	GND	46	38	S	40	8	S	8
17	SB	17	27	SB	25	39	S	41	9	S	9
18	SB	18	28	SB	26	40	GND	42	10	GND	10
19	SB	19	29	SB	27	41	S	43	11	S	11
20	SB	20	30	SB	28	42	S	44	12	S	12
21	SB	21	31	SB	29	43	GND	45	13	GND	13
22	SB	22	32	SB	30	44	S	46	14	S	14
23	PWR	23	23	PWR	23	45	S	47	15	S	15
		24	24			46	GND	48	16	GND	16

4.3 Labeling Connector Types

A human readable label indicating the connector type shall be placed on the viewing side of each connector as illustrated below. Figure 4-8 shows the face of the Fixed-Side Connector. Figure 4-9 shows the face of the Right-Angle Exit Cable Pull-Tab. Figure 4-10 shows the face of the Vertical Exit Cable Pull-Tab.
"G6" label denotes Connector Type 2, which supports PCIe 6.0 speeds. "G5" label denotes Connector Type 1, which supports PCIe 5.0 speeds.

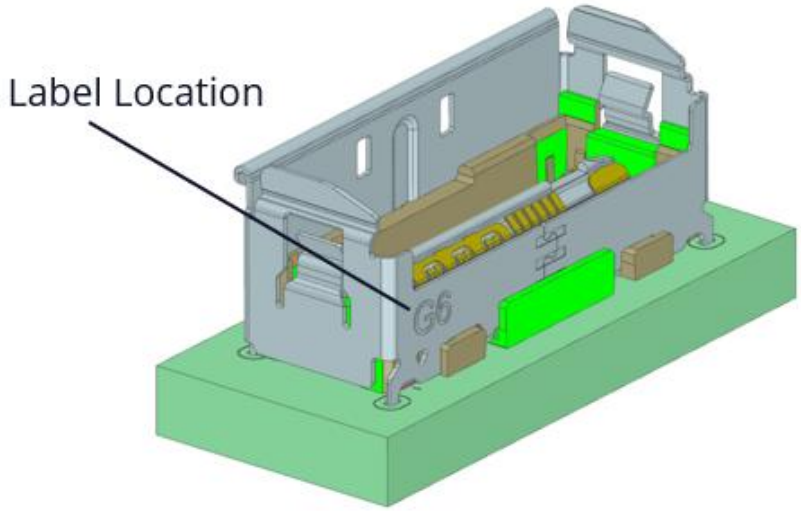

Figure 4-8: Fixed-Side Connector Label Location

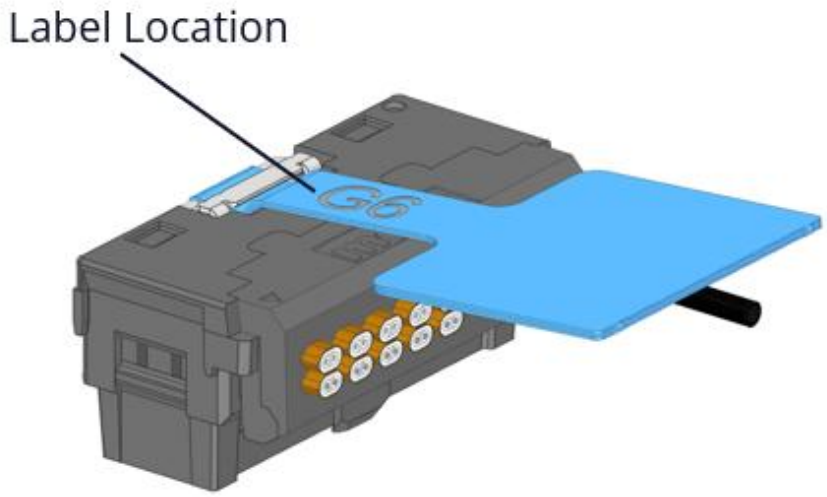

Figure 4-9: Right-Angle Cable Label Location

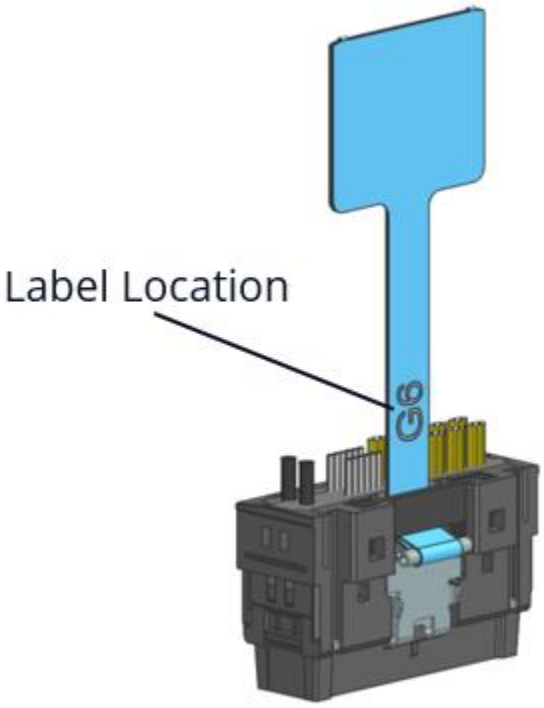

Figure 4-10: Vertical Cable Label Location

4.4 Datums

4.4.1 Overview

The datums defined in Figure 4-11, Figure 4-12, and Figure 4-13 are used throughout the rest of the document to describe the dimensional requirements of the connector. Additional descriptions are provided in Table 4-5 and Table 4-6.

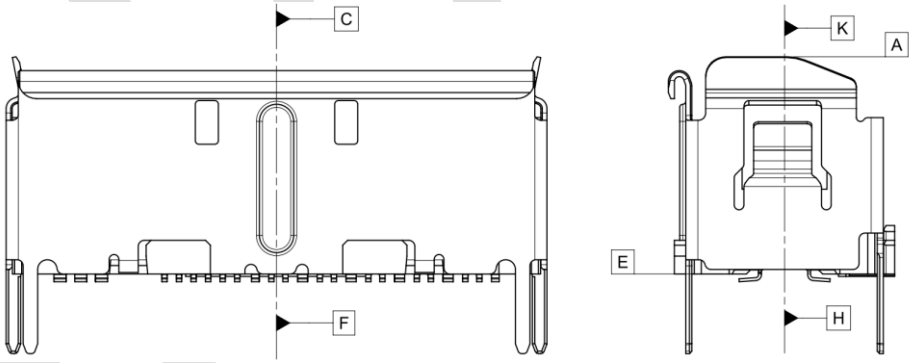

Figure 4-11 Fixed-Side Connector Datums

Table 4-5: 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)

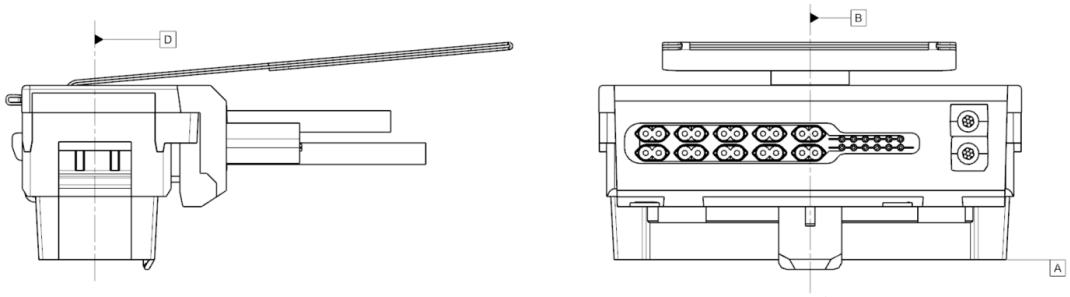

Figure 4-12: Horizontal (0º) Free-Side Connector Datums

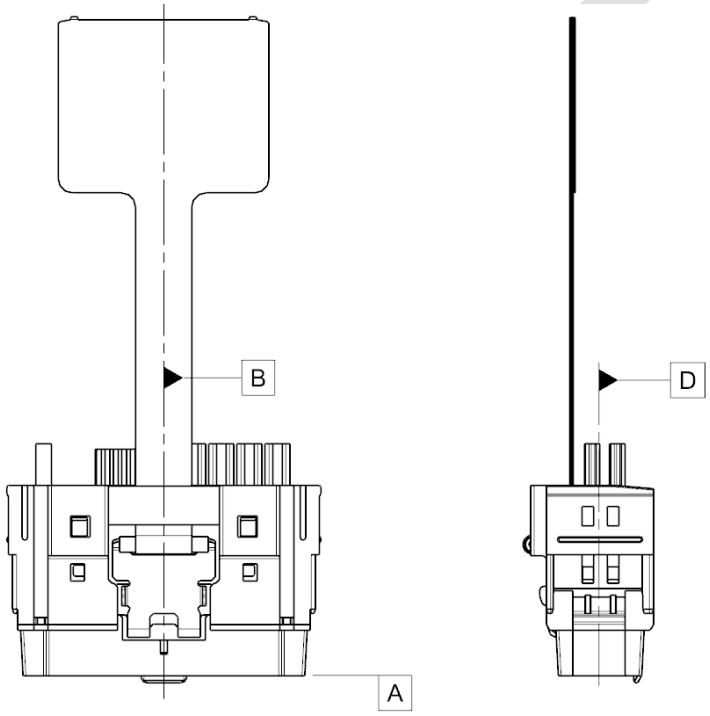

Figure 4-13: Vertical Cable Exit Free-Side Connector Datums

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)

5. Type 1 Connector Mechanical Specification

5.1 Fixed-Side Mechanical Specification

5.1.1 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.

Note: It is recommended that all future designs use the Type 2 fixed-side connector.

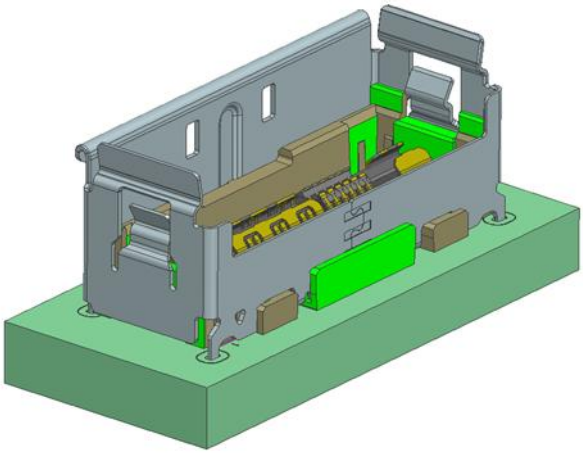

Figure 5-1: Fixed-Side Connector without Vacuum Cap

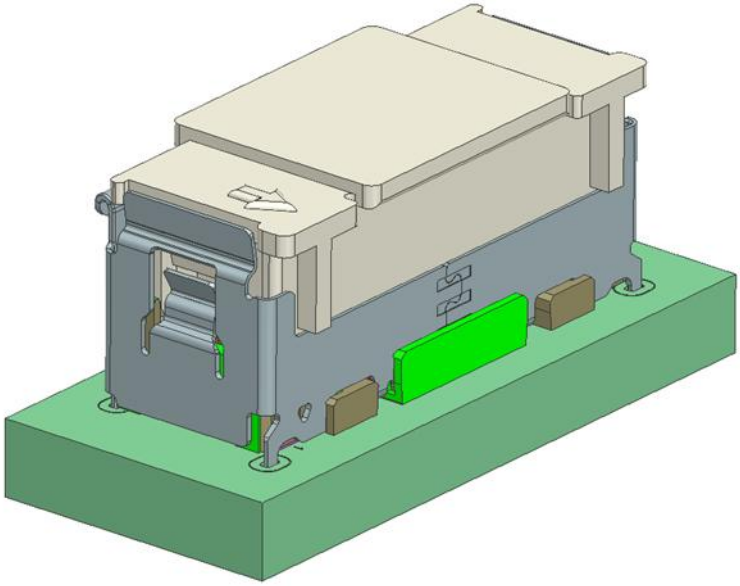

Figure 5-2: Fixed-Side Connector with Vacuum Cap

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 4.2 for contact numbering)

5.1.2 Mechanical Description: Fixed-Side Connector

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

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

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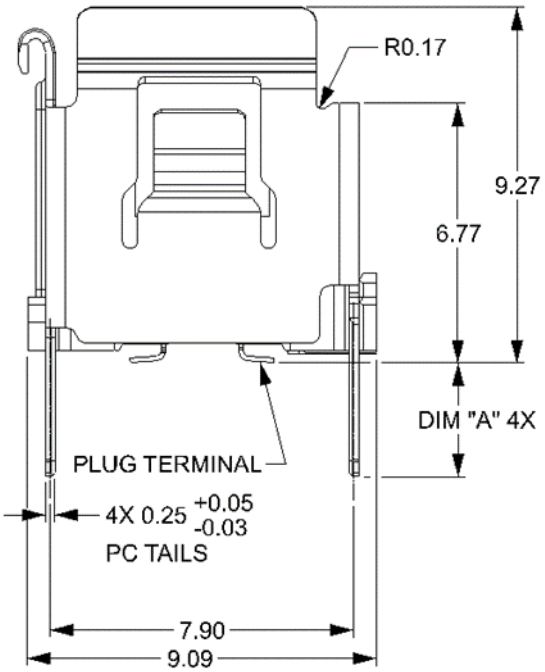

Figure 5-3: Profile View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage

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

DIM "A"
2.96
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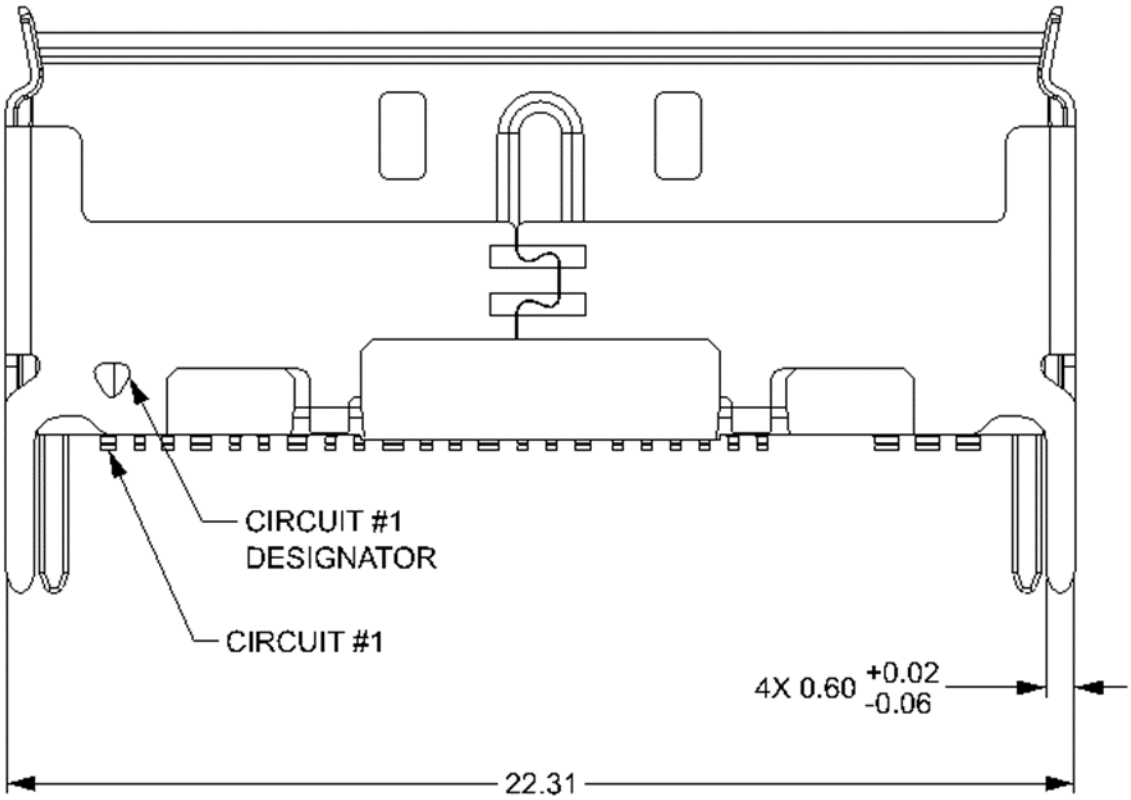

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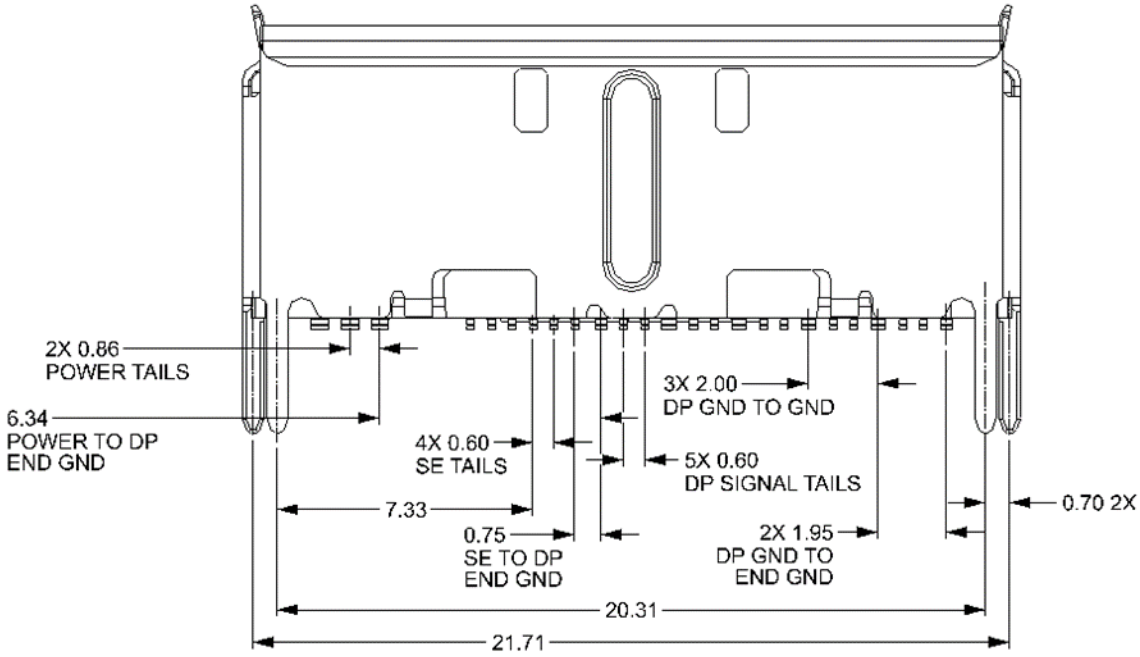

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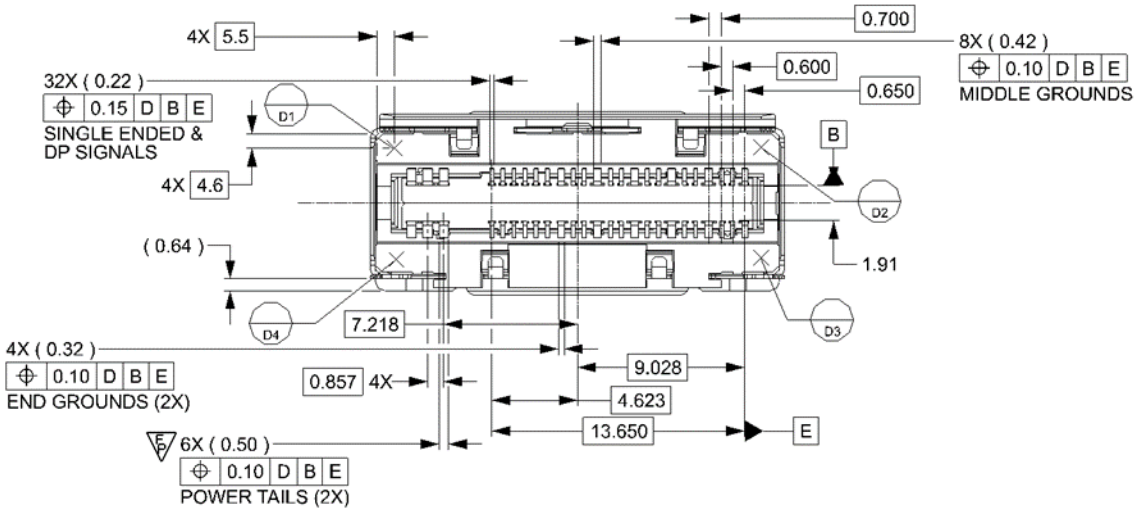

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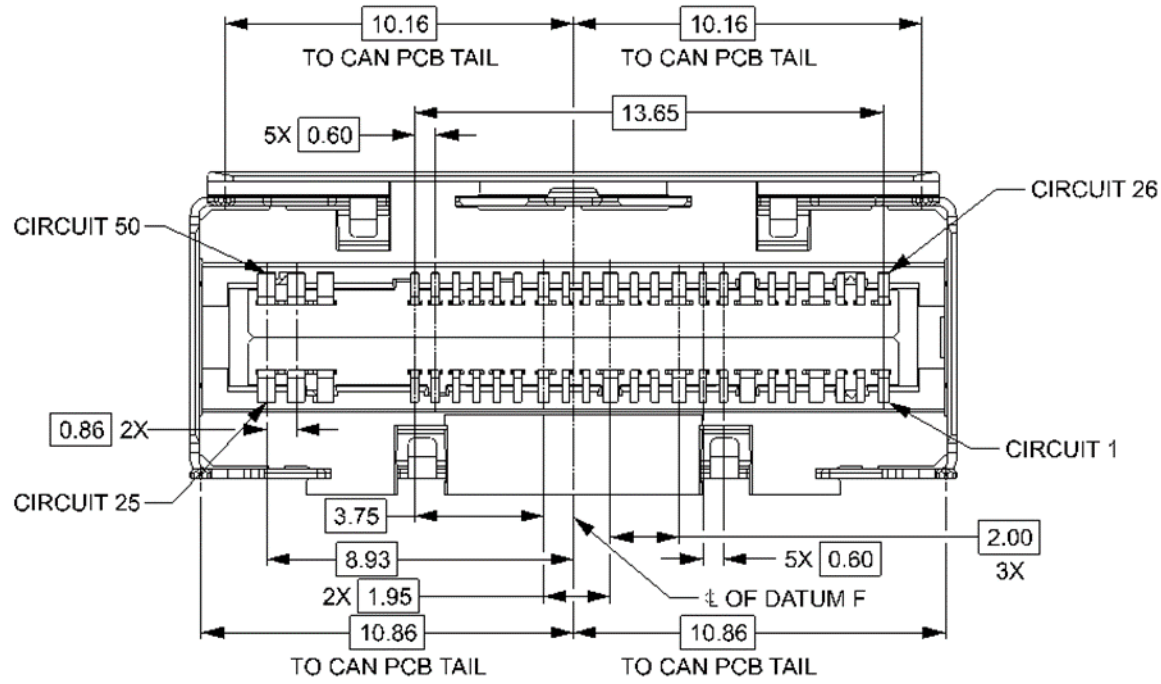

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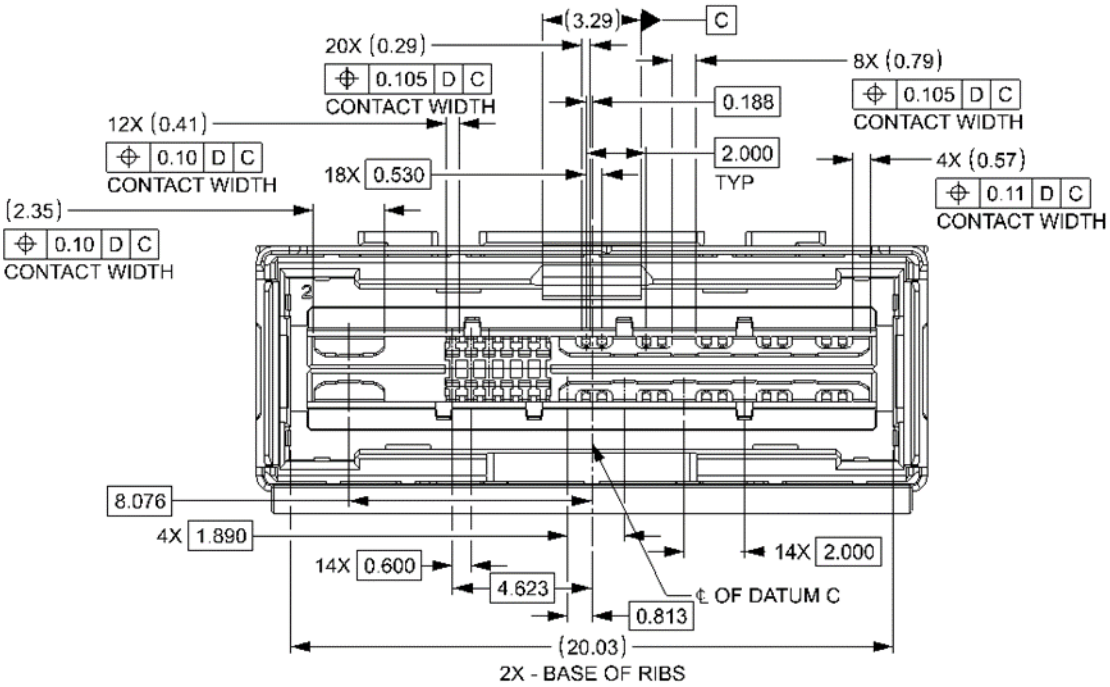

Figure 5-8: Top View of Fixed-Side Connector

5.2 Free-Side Mechanical Specification

5.2.1 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.

5.2.2 Mechanical Description: Free-Side Connectors

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

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

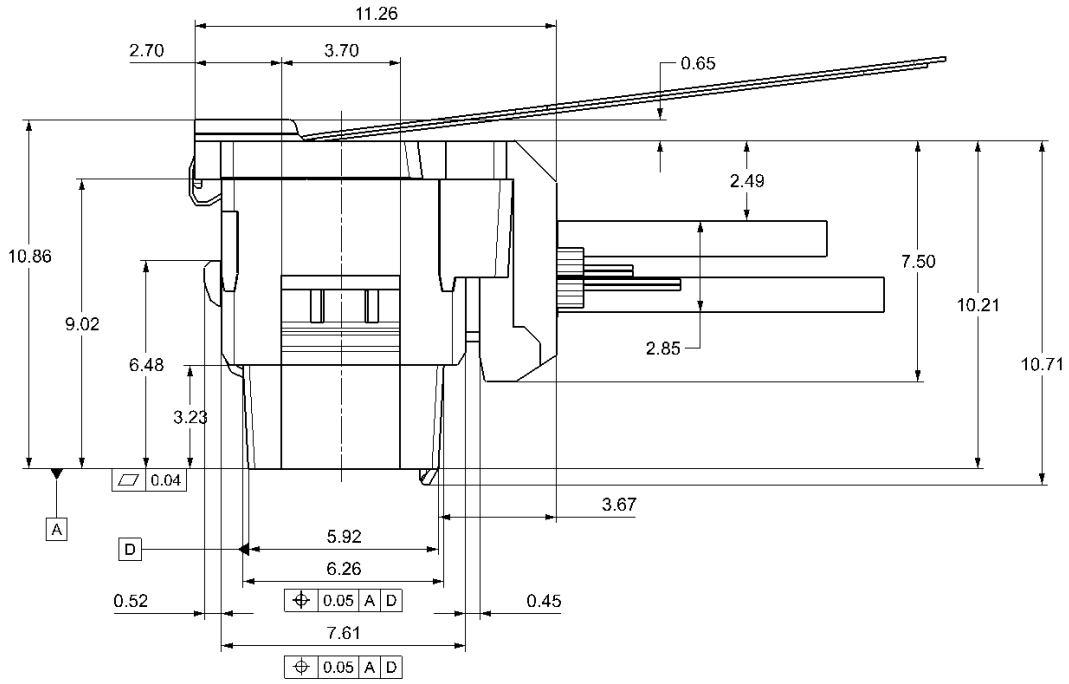

Figure 5-9: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0º) Cable Exit & Pull Tab

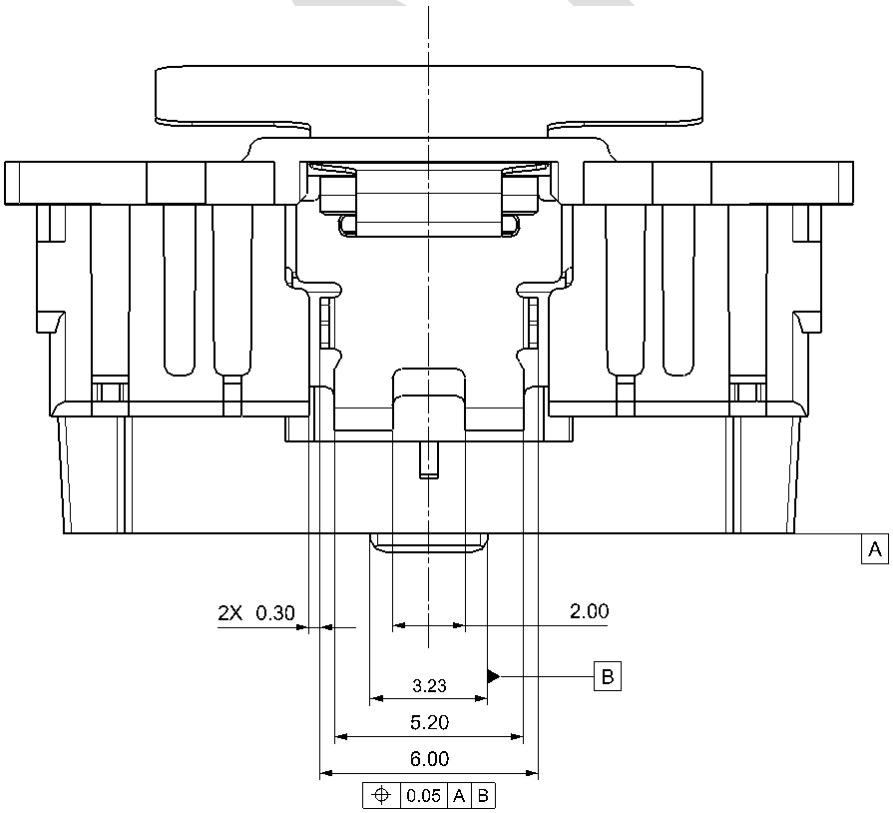

Figure 5-10: Latch for Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0º) Cable Exit

5.2.4 Free-Side Variant 2: Horizontal (0°) Cable Exit NON Pull-Tab

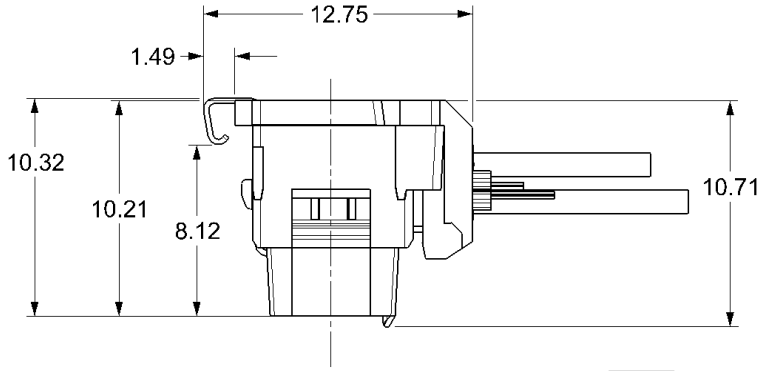

Figure 5-11: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0º) Cable Exit & NON Pull-Tab

5.2.5 Free-Side Variant 3: Vertical (90°) Cable Exit

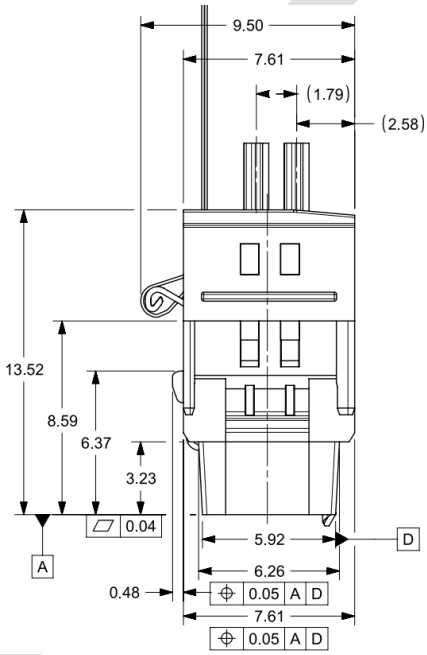

Figure 5-12: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Vertical (90º) Cable Exit

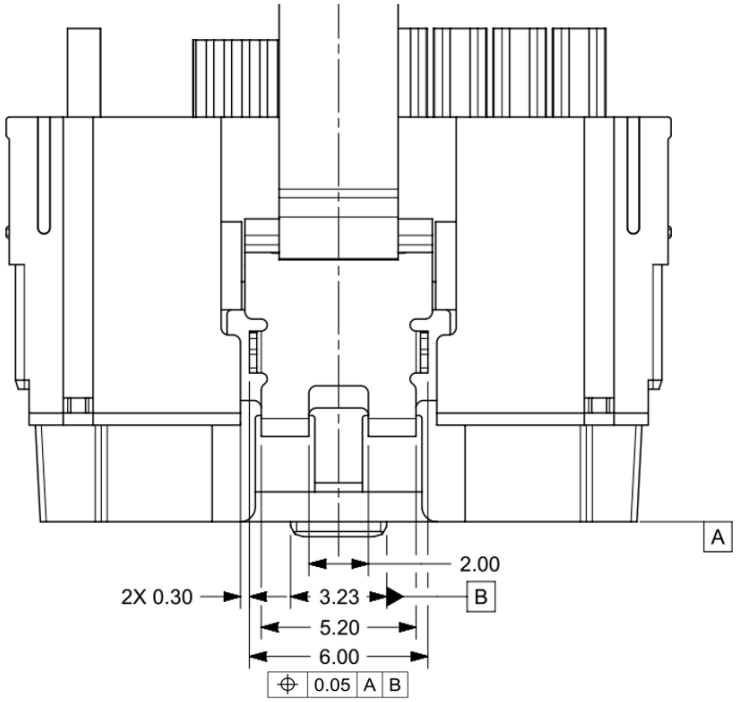

Figure 5-13: Latch for Free-Side Connector with Vertical (90º) Cable Exit

5.3 Dust Covers

5.3.1 Overview

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 the contact 1 (refer to section 4.2 for contact numbering)

5.3.2 Dust Covers: Free-Side Connector

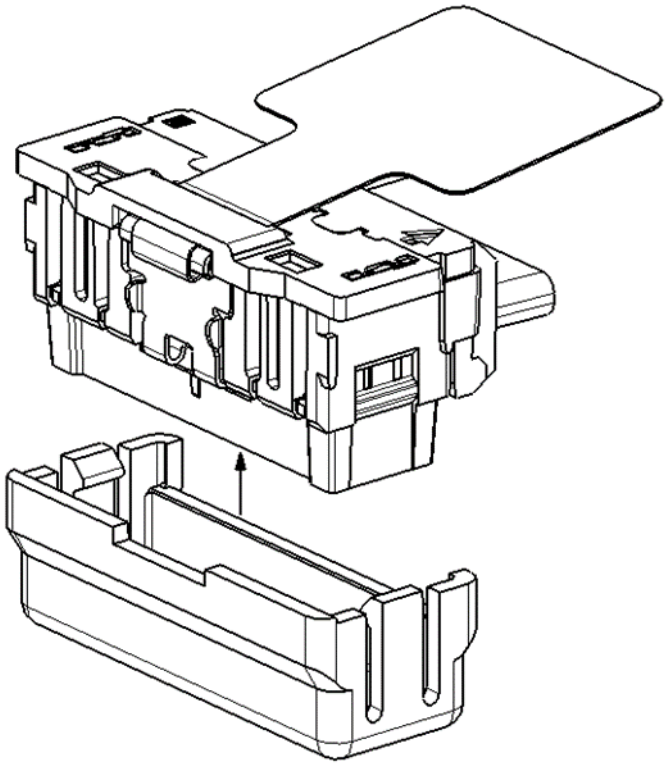

Figure 5-14: Free-Side Connector & Dust Cover Assembly Direction

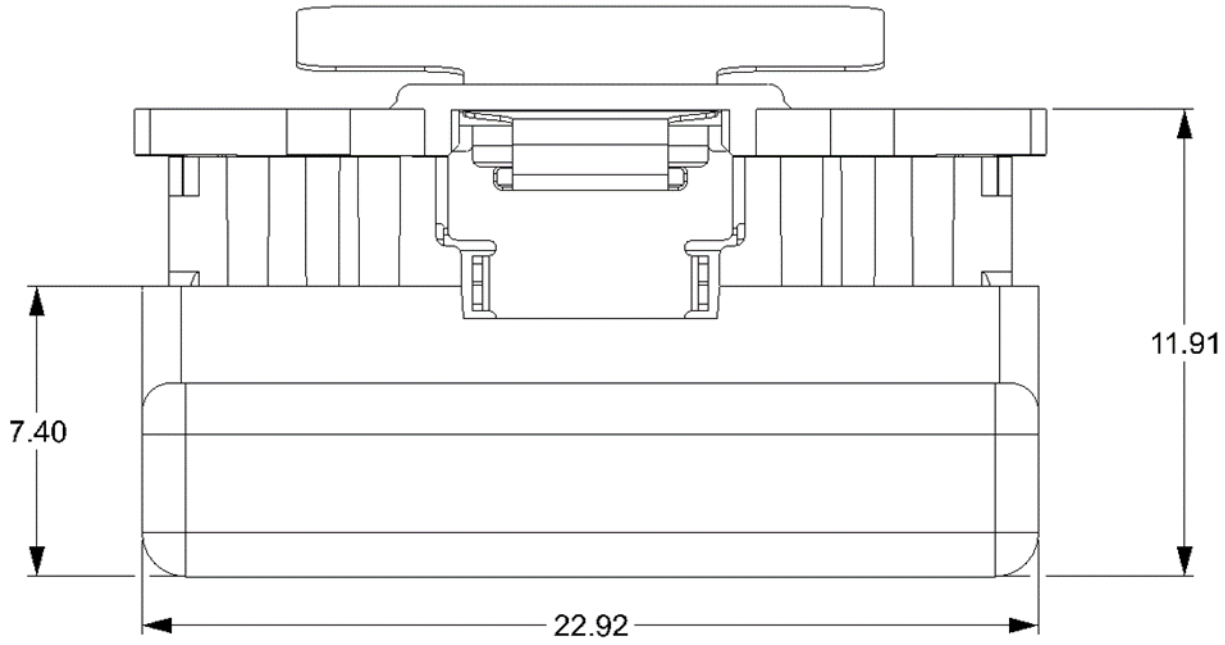

Figure 5-15: Top View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached

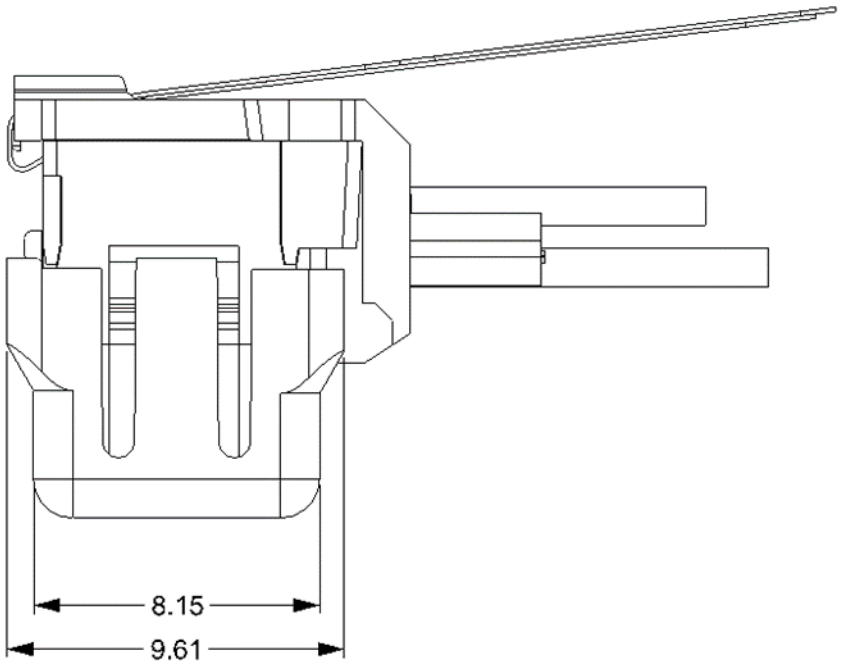

Figure 5-16: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached

5.3.3 Dust Covers: Fixed-Side Connector

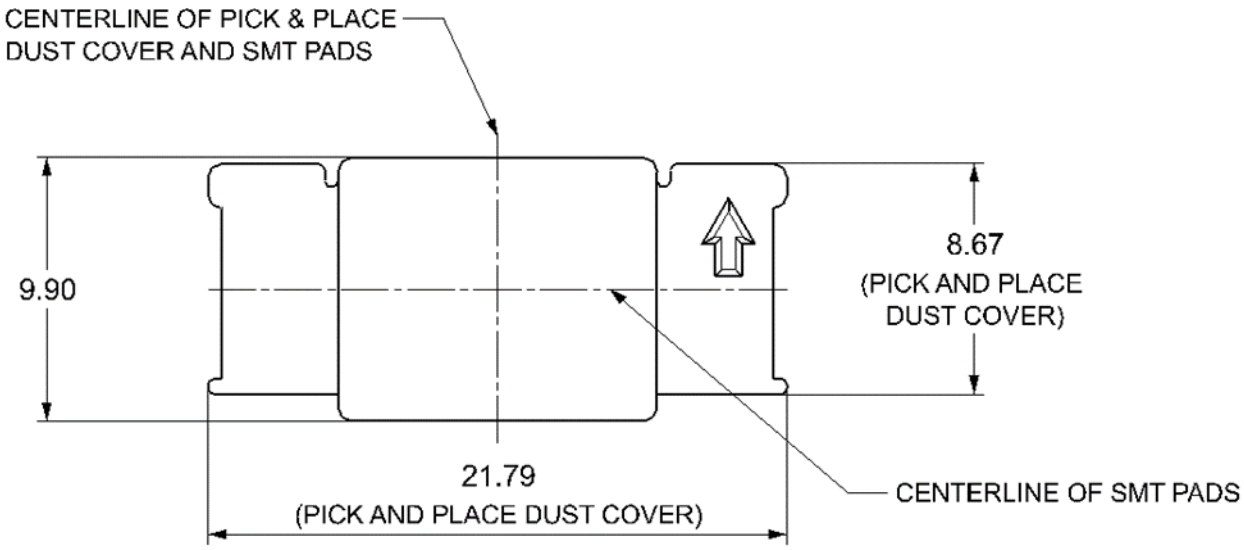

Figure 5-17: Top View of Fixed-Side Connector with Dust Cover

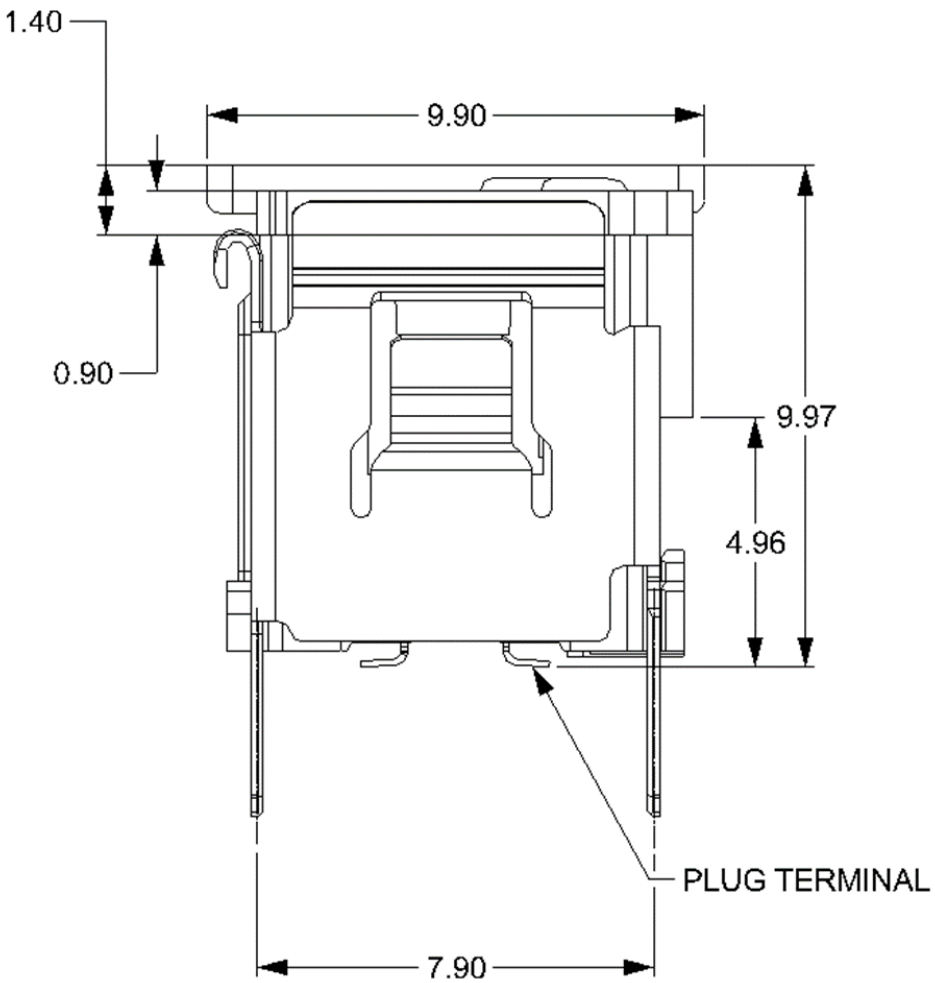

Figure 5-18: Profile View of Fixed-Side Connector with Dust Cover

6. Type 2 Connector Mechanical Specification

6.1 Fixed-Side Mechanical Specification

6.1.1 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.

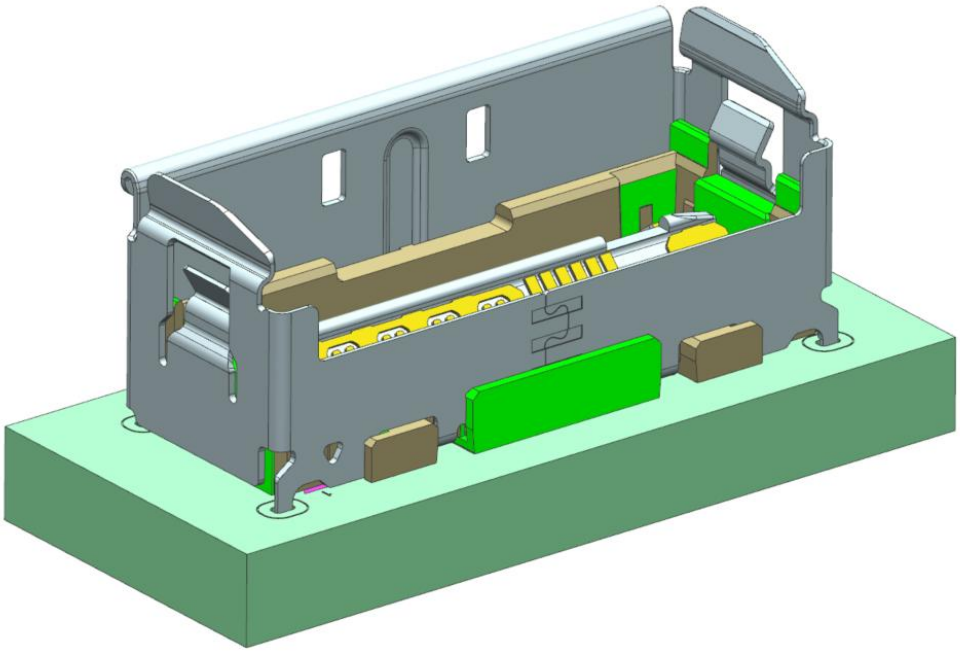

Figure 6-1: Fixed-Side Connector without Vacuum Cap

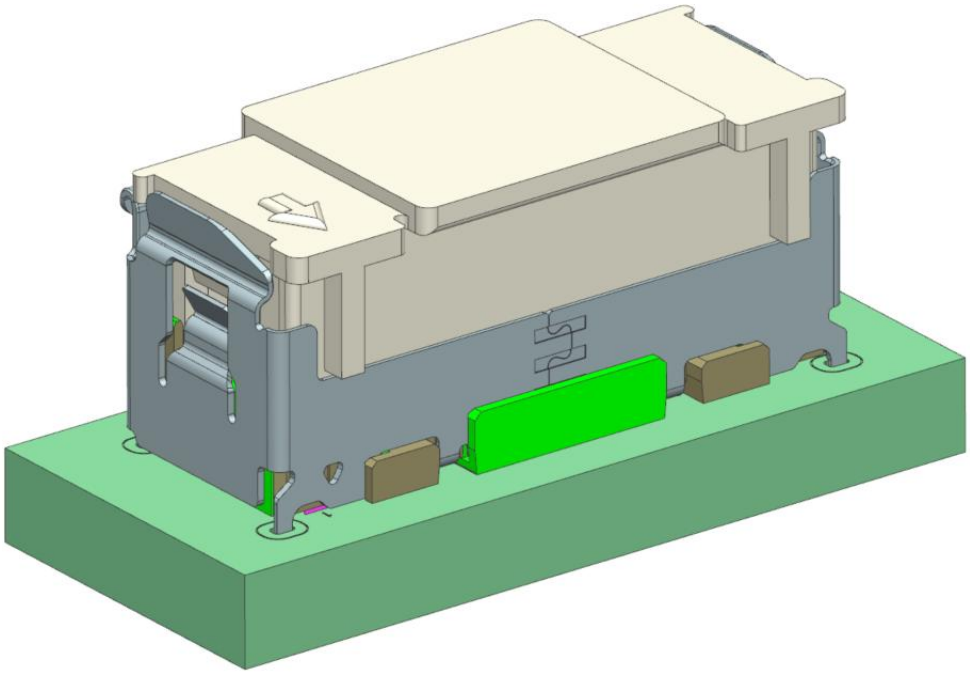

Figure 6-2: Fixed-Side Connector with Vacuum Cap

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 4.2 for contact numbering)

6.1.2 Mechanical Description: Fixed-Side Connector

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

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

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.

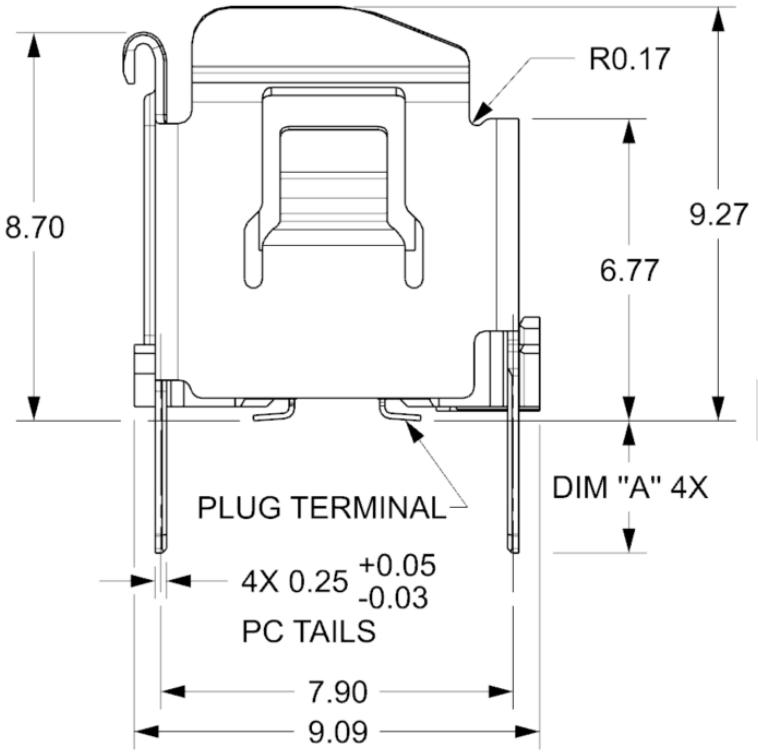

Figure 6-3: Profile View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage

Table 6-1: Press Fit Tail Lengths for Fixed-Side Connector Cage

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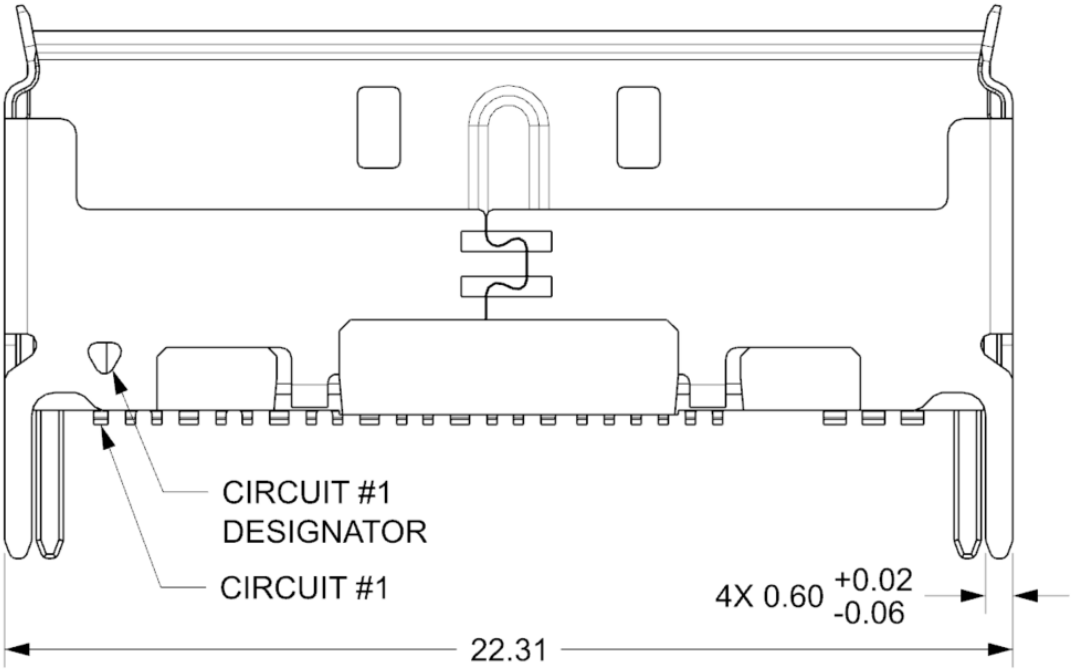

Figure 6-4: Front View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage

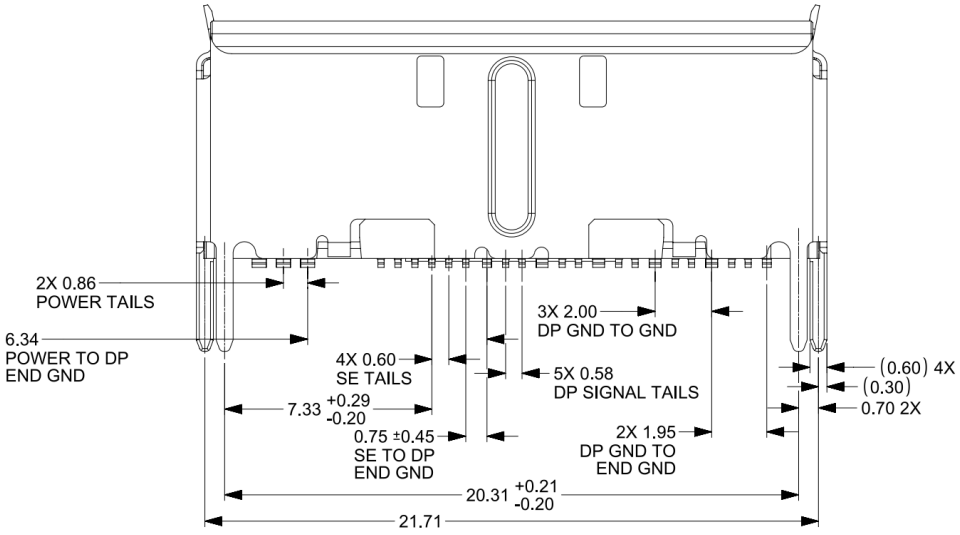

Figure 6-5: Back View of Fixed-Side Connector Cage

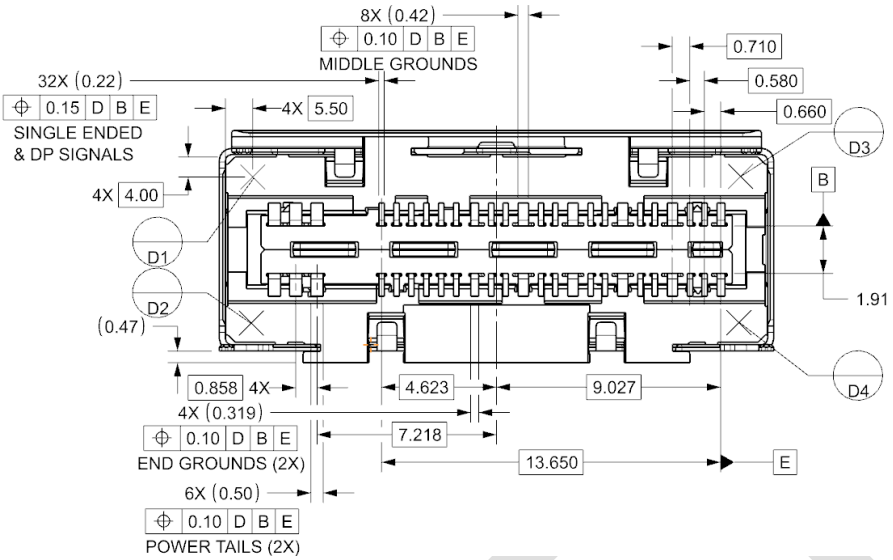

Figure 6-6: Bottom View of Fixed-Side Connector (1 of 2)

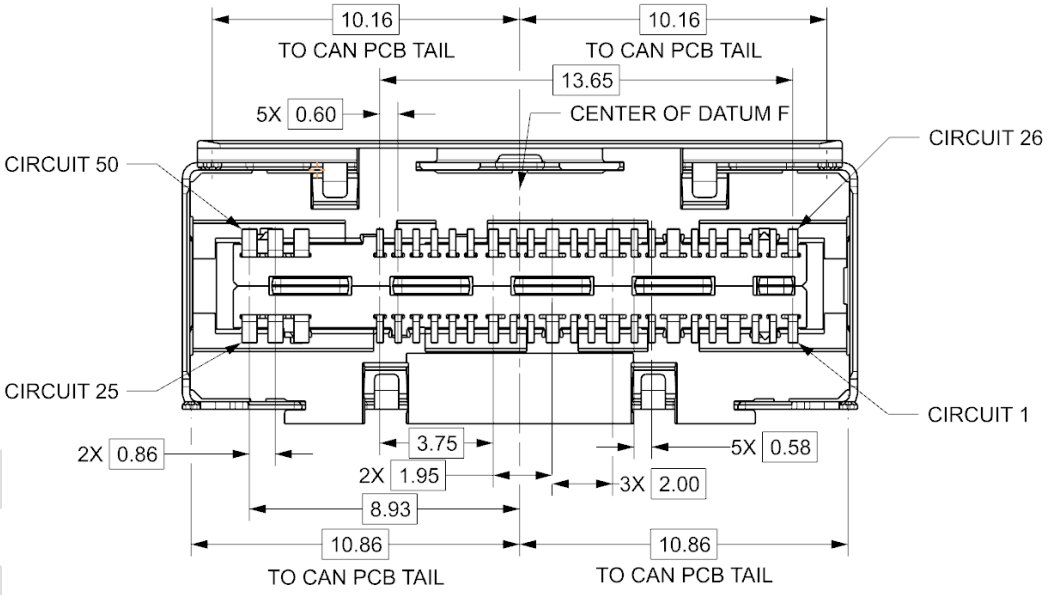

Figure 6-7: Bottom View of Fixed-Side Connector (2 of 2)

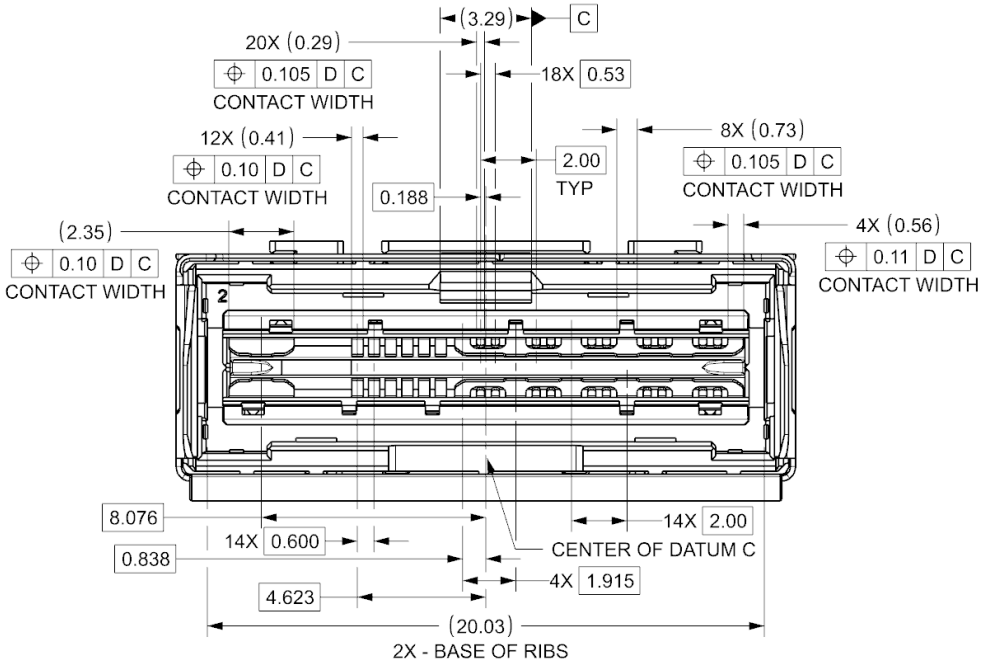

Figure 6-8: Top View of Fixed-Side Connector

6.2 Free-Side Mechanical Specification

6.2.1 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.

6.2.2 Mechanical Description: Free-Side Connectors

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

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

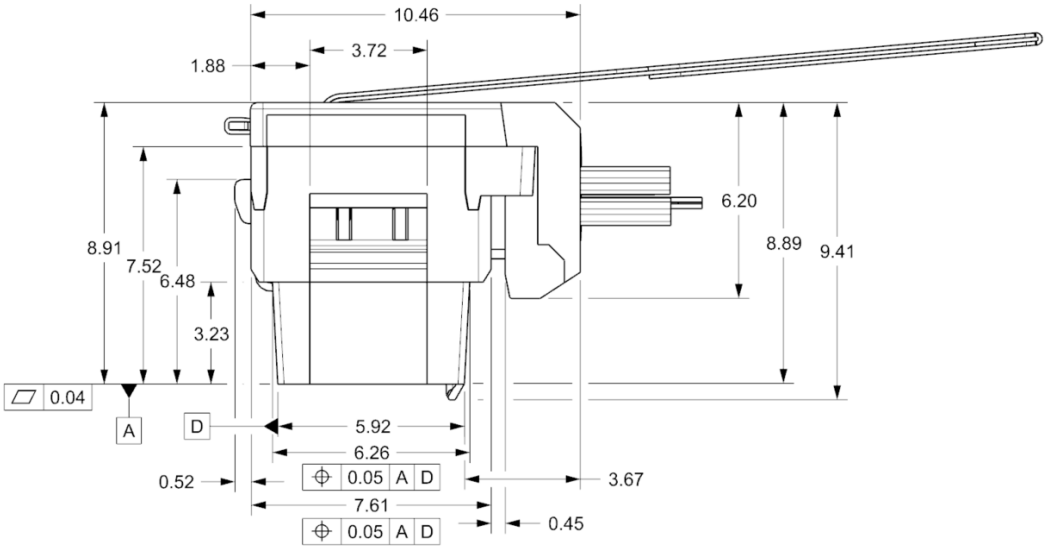


Figure 6-9: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0º) Cable Exit & Pull Tab

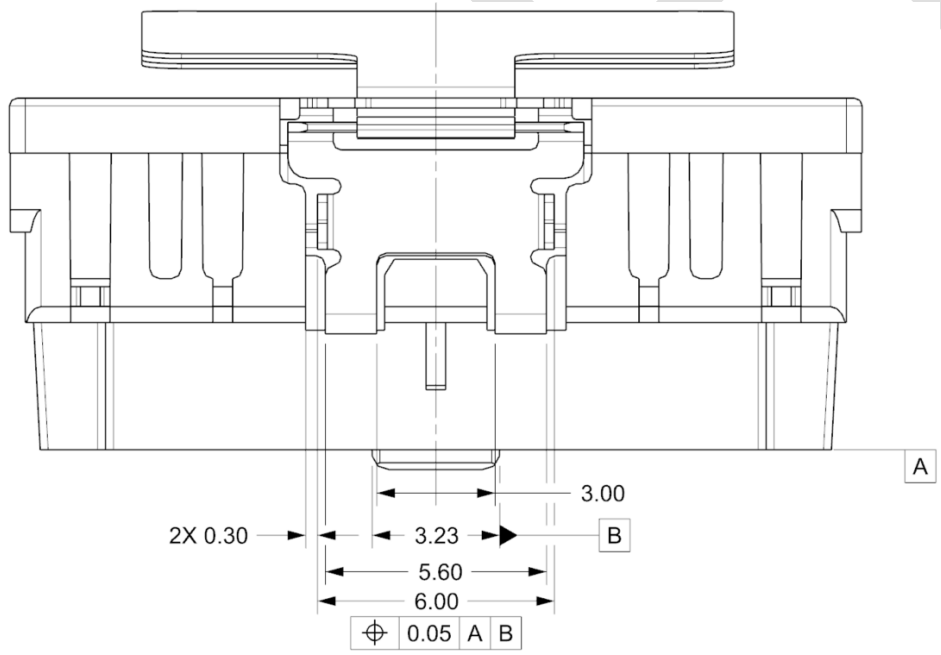


Figure 6-10: Latch for Free-Side Connector with Horizontal (0º) Cable Exit

6.2.4 Free-Side Variant 2: Vertical (90°) Cable Exit

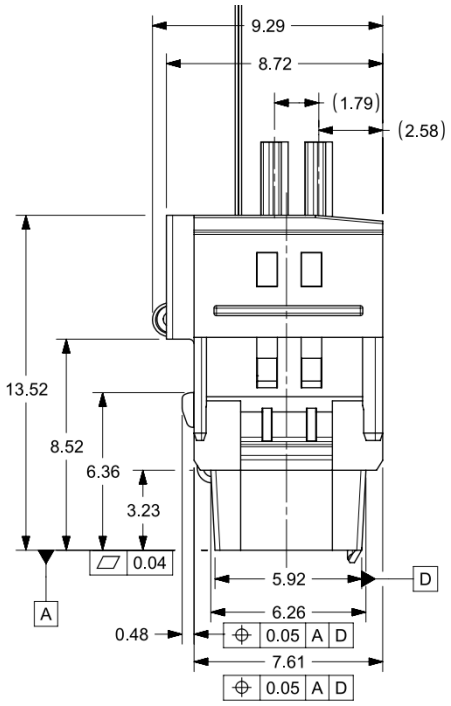


Figure 6-11: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Vertical (90º) Cable Exit

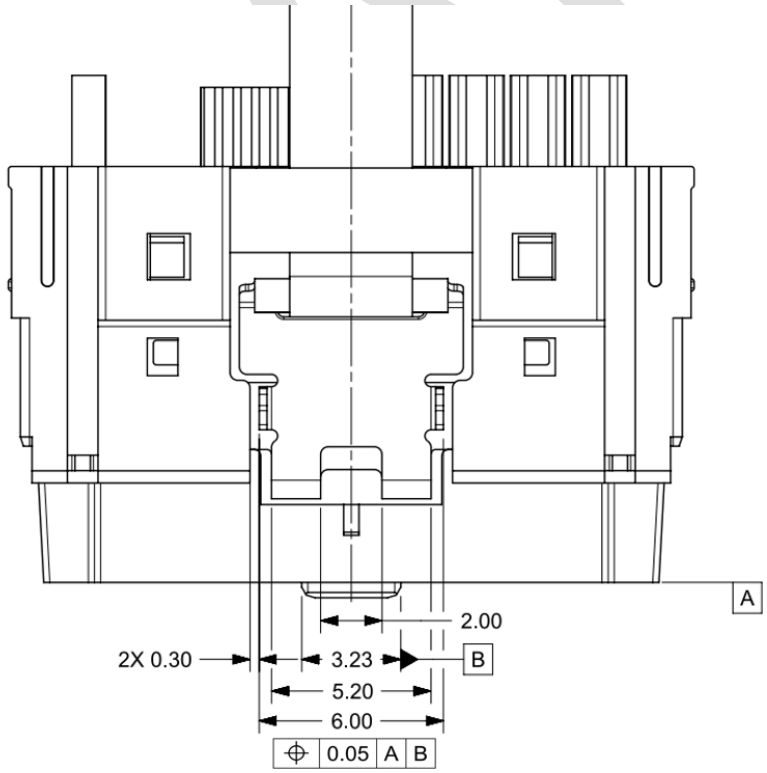


Figure 6-12: Latch for Free-Side Connector with Vertical (90º) Cable Exit

6.3 Dust Covers

6.3.1 Overview

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 the contact 1 (refer to section 4.2 for contact numbering)

6.3.2 Dust Covers: Free-Side Connector

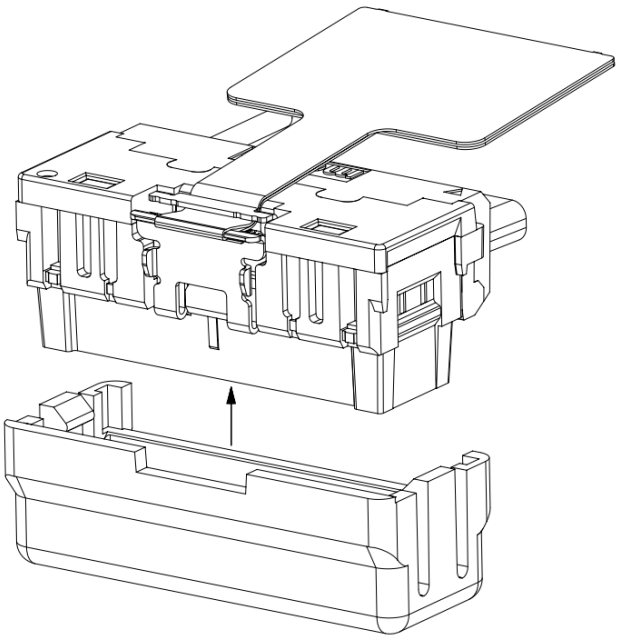


Figure 6-13: Free-Side Connector & Dust Cover Assembly Direction

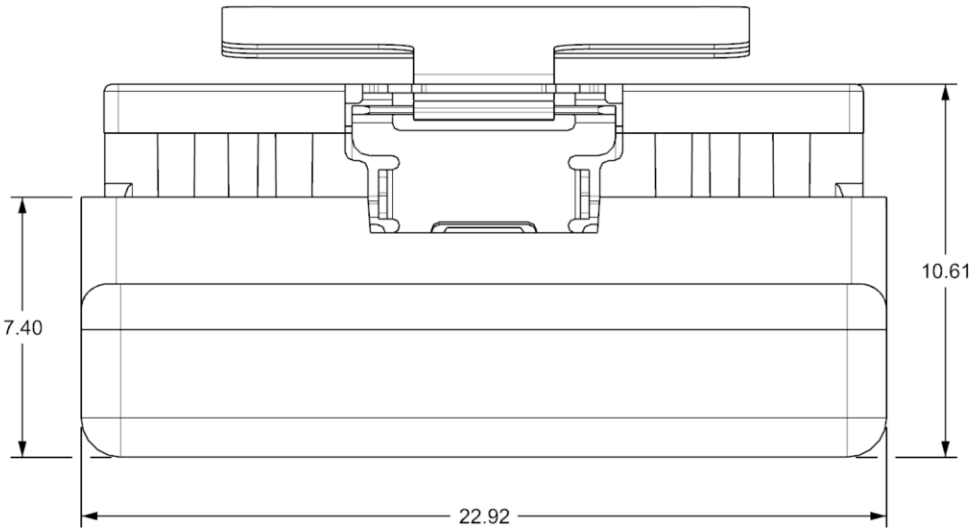


Figure 6-14: Top View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached

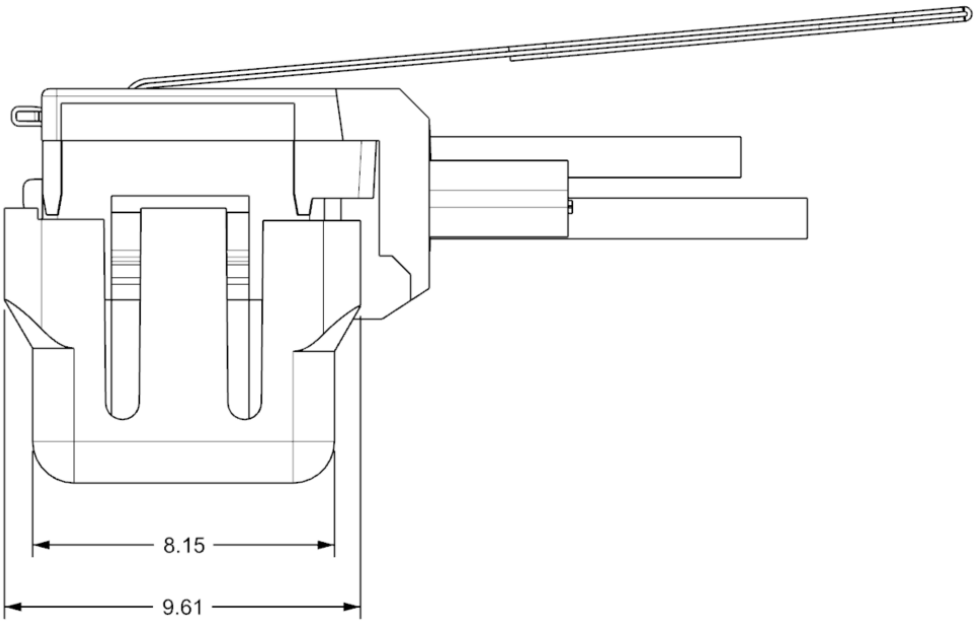
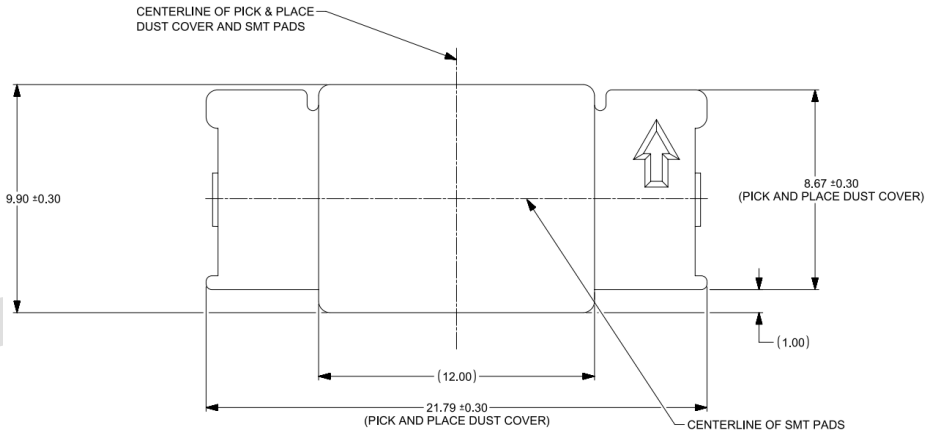


Figure 6-15: Profile View of Free-Side Connector with Dust Cover Attached

6.3.3 Dust Covers: Fixed-Side Connector



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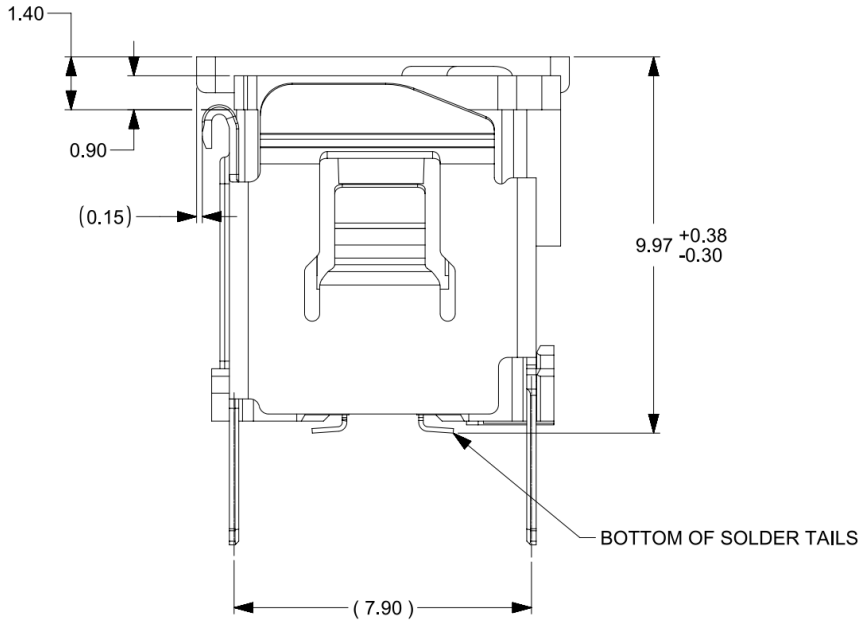


Figure 6-17: Profile View of Fixed-Side Connector with Dust Cover

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

7.1 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 7-1 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 7-2. Finally, testing procedures used to validate any performance criteria not included in EIA-364-1000 are provided in Table 7-3.

Table 7-1: Form Factor Performance Requirements

Performance Parameters	Description/ Details	Requirement
Mechanical/ Physical Requirements		
Plating Type	Plating type on connector contacts	Precious
Surface Treatment	Surface treatment on connector contacts	Non-lubricated
Wipe length	Designed distance a contact traverses over a mating contact surface during mating and resting at a final position	Greater than 0.127mm
Rated Durability Cycles	The expected number of durability cycles a component is expected to encounter over the course of its life	Connector/ cage: 200 cycles
Latched Mating	Amount of force needed to mate a module with a	27 N MAX

Force*	connector when latches are deactivated	
Latch Retention*	Amount of force the latching mechanism can withstand	109 N MIN 121 N MAX
Environmental Requirements		
Field Life	The expected service life for a component	7 years
Field Temperature	The expected service temperature for a component	0°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature*	The expected storage temperature for a component when not in use	-20°C to +85°C
Storage Humidity*	The expected storage humidity for a component when not in use	80% Relative Humidity
Electrical Requirements		
Current*	Maximum current to which a contact is exposed in use Refer to Table 4-3 for contact descriptions	0.25 A per "S" contact MAX 0.25 A per "SB" contact MAX 4A per power contact MAX
Operating Rating Voltage	Maximum voltage to which a contact is exposed in use	29.9 V DC per contact MAX
NOTE: Performance criteria denoted with stars (*) are not validated by EIA-364-1000 testing. Refer to **Table 7-3** for test procedures and pass/fail criteria.		

Table 7-2 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 7-1 are met. Any information in this table supersedes EIA-364-1000.

Table 7-2: EIA-364-1000 Test Details

Test	Test Descriptions and Details	Pass/ Fail Criteria
Mechanical/ Physical Tests		
Durability (preconditioning)	EIA-364-09 To be tested with connector, cage, and module (Latches should not be locked)	No evidence of physical damage
Durability (see Note 1)	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
Environmental Tests		
Mixed Flowing Gas (see Note 2)	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
Electrical Tests		
Low Level Contact Resistance (see Note 3)	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
Dielectric Withstanding Voltage	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
NOTES: 1. If the durability requirement on the connector is greater than that of the module, modules may be replaced after their specified durability rating. 2. Test option, temperature, duration must be reported. 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.		

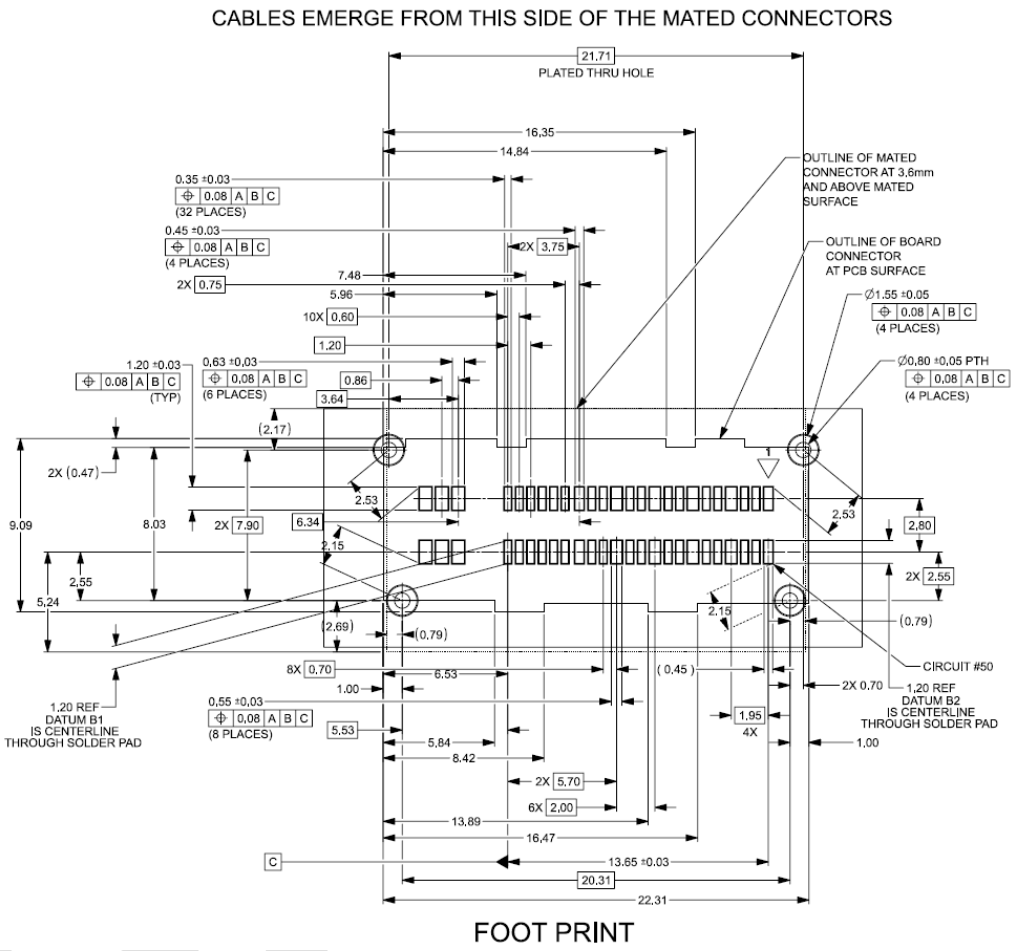
Table 7-3 describes the testing procedures necessary to validate performance criteria not validated by EIA-364-1000 testing. The tests are to be performed in such a way that the parameters/ requirements defined in Table 7-1 are met.

Table 7-3: Additional Test Procedures

Test	Test Descriptions and Details	Pass/ Fail Criteria
Mechanical/ Physical Tests		
Latched Mating Force	EIA-364-13 To be tested with cage, connector, and module without heat sinks Latching mechanism deactivated (locked out)	Refer to Table 7-1 -AND- No physical damage to any components
Latched Unmating Force	EIA-364-13 To be tested with cage, connector, and module without heat sinks Latching mechanism deactivated (locked out)	
Latch Retention	EIA-364-13 To be tested with cage, connector, and module without heat sinks Latching mechanism engaged (not locked out)	
Environmental Tests		
Storage Temperature	EIA-364-32 Method A, Test Condition 1, Duration 4 Use min and max field temperatures listed in Table 7-1 for temperature range	Refer to Table 7-1
Storage Humidity	EIA-364-31	Refer to Table 7-1
Electrical Tests		
Current	EIA-364-70 Method 3, 30-degree temperature rise Contacts energized: Individually	Refer to Table 7-1 for current magnitude

Appendix A. System Mechanical Specification (Informative)

A.1. PCB Layout (Normative)



NOTES:

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

Figure A-1: PCB Layout

A.2. 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
Vertical Exit with Pull-Tab	28.60	15.00

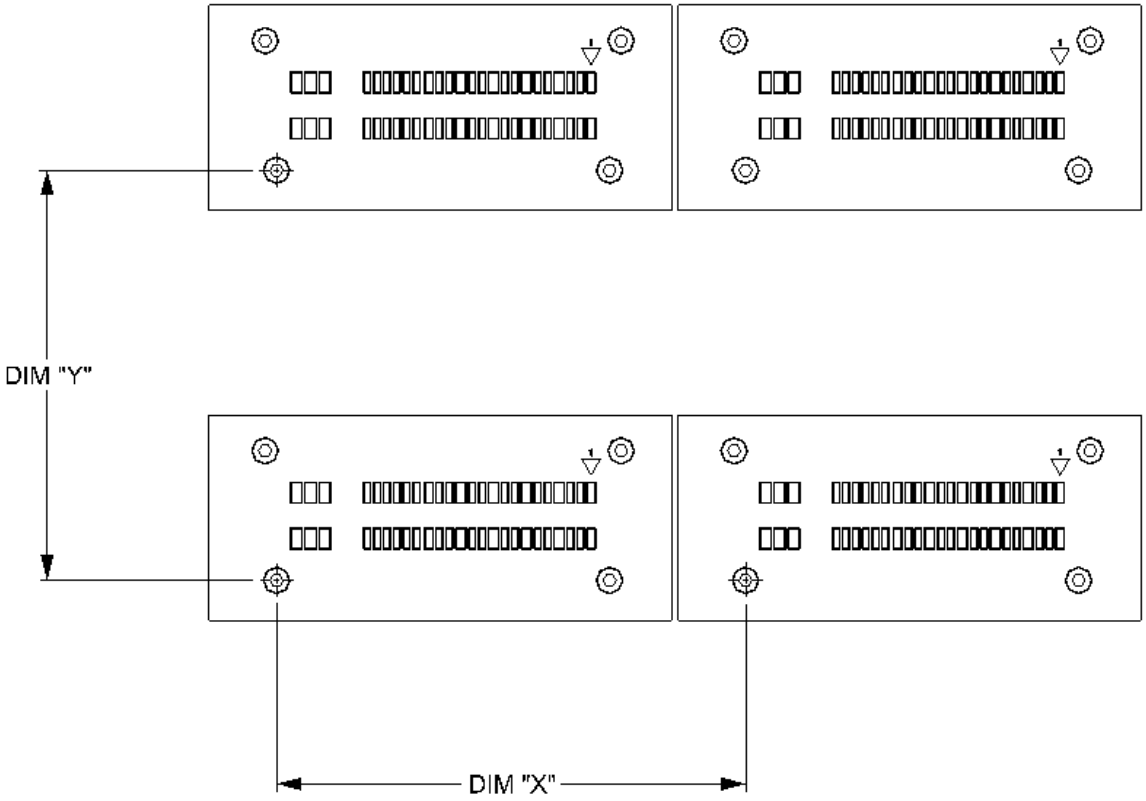


Figure A-2: Minimum Connector Spacing Requirements

A.3. 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.

A.3.1. Type 1 Connector

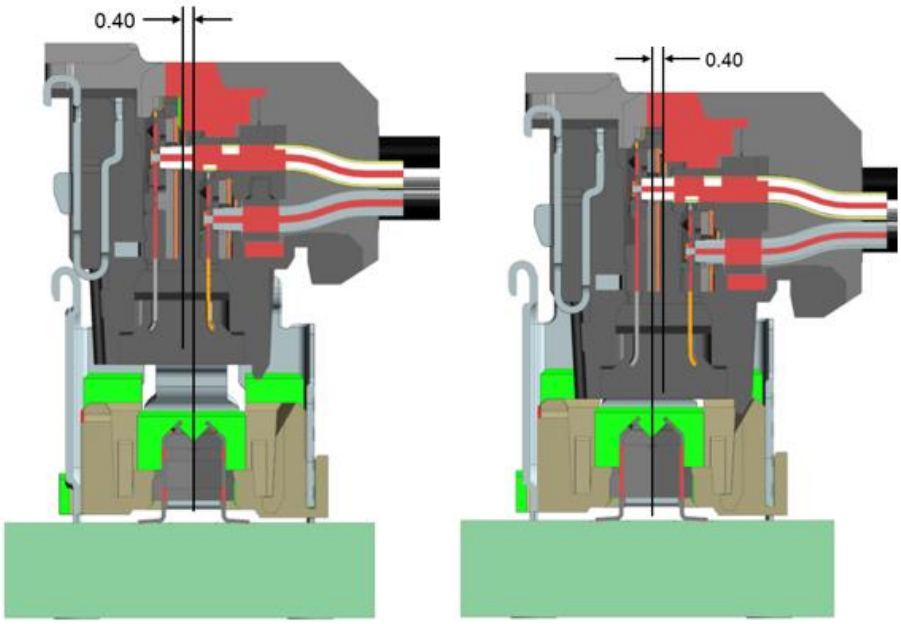


Figure A-3: Lateral Gatherability

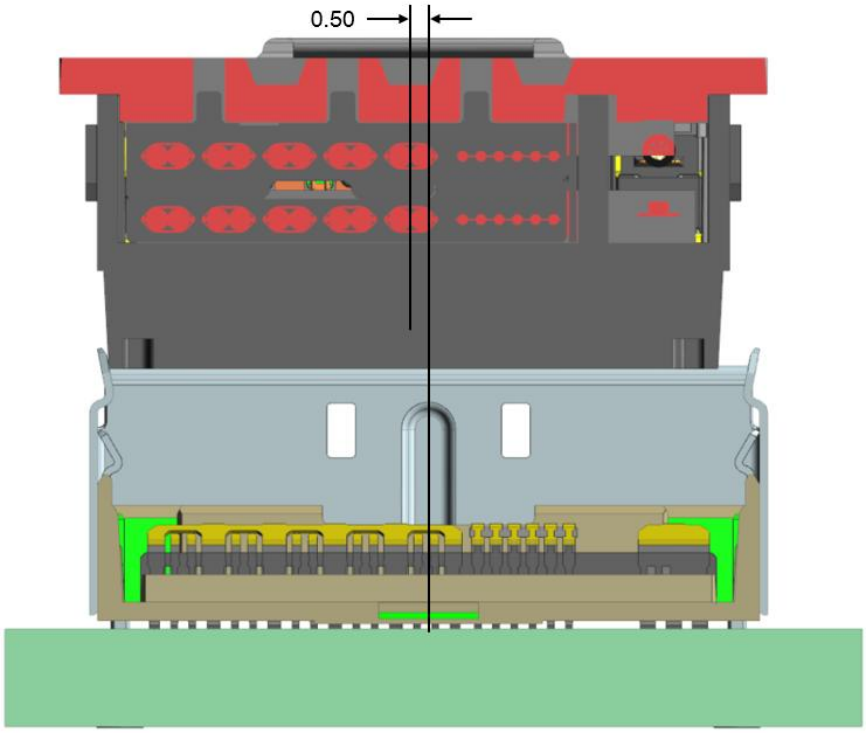


Figure A-4: Longitudinal Gatherability

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°.

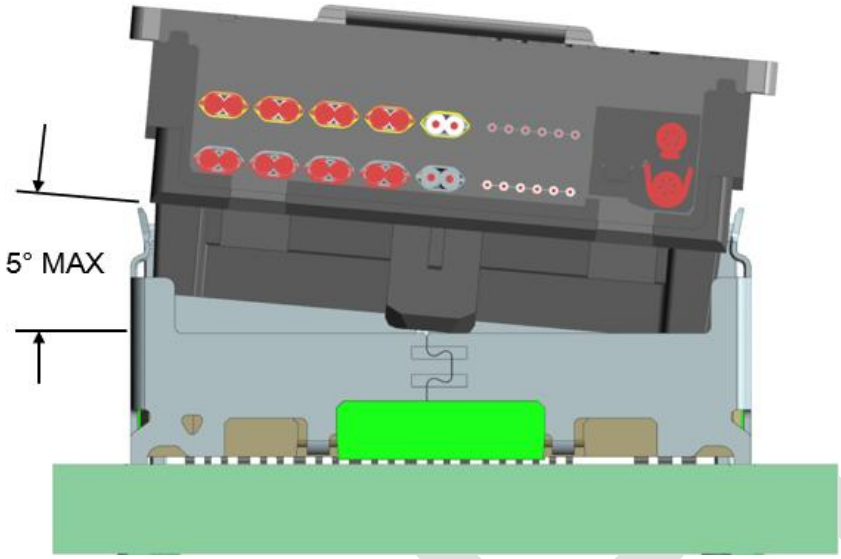


Figure A-5: Angular Gatherability

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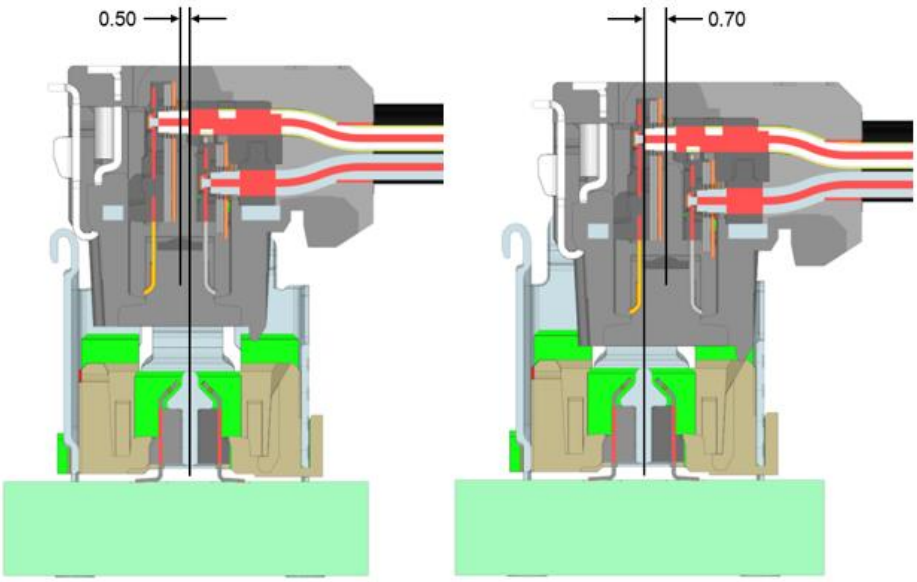

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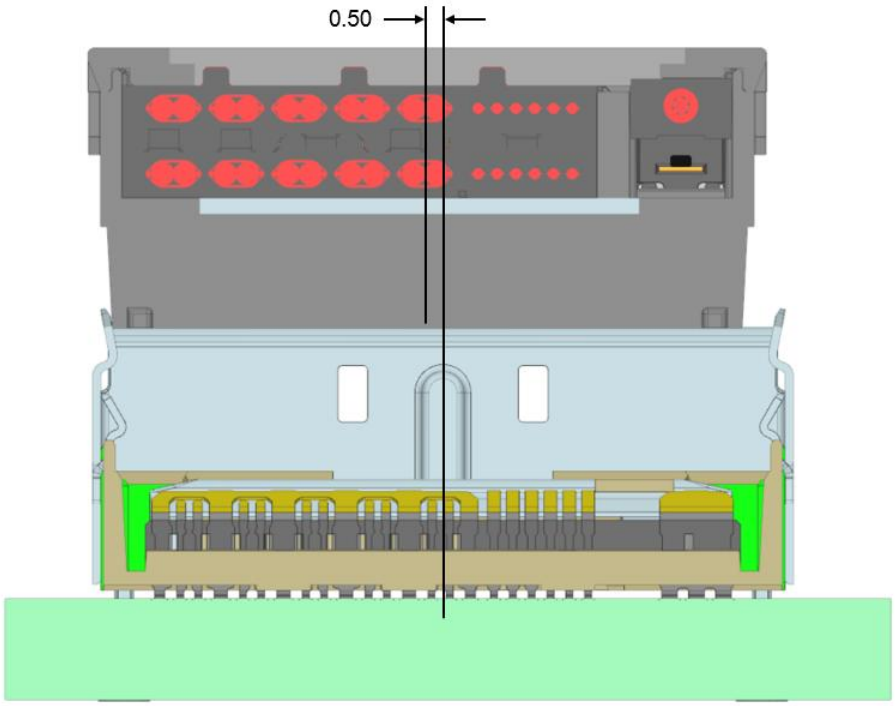

Figure A-7: Longitudinal Gatherability

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°.

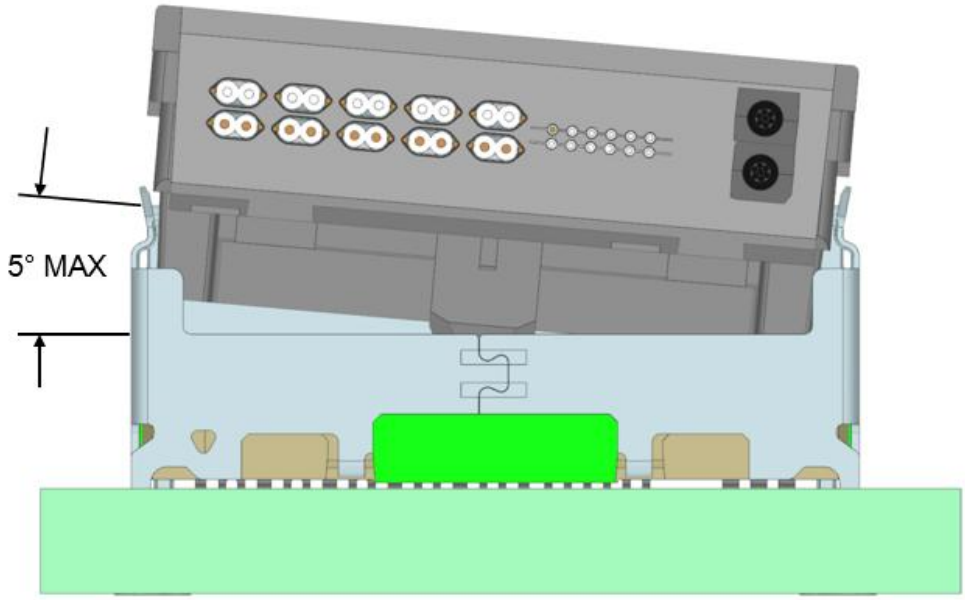

Figure A-8: Angular Gatherability