

About Spring Latches, Guide Pins and Mounting Holes

Optional stainless steel latch clips provide secure mating when subjected to shock and vibration. A single center latch is suitable for most applications (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2). Dual end latches are also available (Fig. 3). The spring latch is always installed on the socket strip (Fig. 1). The latch receiver is installed on the pin strip (Fig. 2). To unmate the connectors, simply press the release tab while pulling the connectors apart. MicroStrips™ are available with stainless steel guide pins. A single guide pin provides circuit polarization. A guide pin on each end (Fig. 2) helps to align connectors when mating and prevents damage to contacts. For most applications the preferred configuration is a single center latch with no guide pins. Mounting holes are now available (Fig.3). Attach strips to circuit boards with size 0-80 screws (customer-supplied).



Figure 1

Socket Strip with Center Latch

Part Number 171-003-8S-6K7-18-PBCL

Spring latch installed in the center cavity of the socket MicroStrip. Ordering Code CL for Center Latch. This strip has 5 circuits plus one cavity for the latch and two for the guide pins, for a total of 8 cavities. Note the white paint dot on the insulator. This dot indicates position #1. The wire color code system is "10 Color Repeating". Wire #1 is black, followed by brown, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, grey and white.



Figure 2

Pin Strip with Center Latch and Guide Pins at Both ends.

Part Number 171-003-8P-6K7-18-PBCL

Spring latch installed in the center cavity and guide pins installed in end cavities. This strip has five electrical circuits plus two positions for guide pins and one position for the latch for a total of eight cavities. The stainless steel guide pins are installed into the end cavities of the socket strip. The end cavities of the pin strip are opened up to accept the mating guide pins.

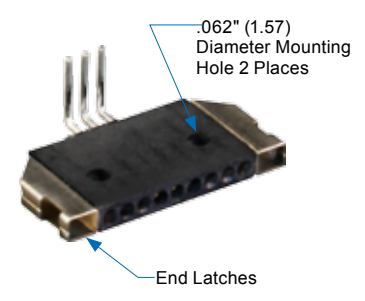


Figure 3

Right Angle PCB Header with End Latches and Mounting Holes.
Part Number 171-004-11P-.250-BLMH.

Latch clips installed into the end cavities of the MicroStrip. Ordering Code BL for Both end Latches. Note the mounting holes. These holes allow the strip to be attached to a circuit board. Each mounting hole requires three cavities. The board mount leads are formed into a single row on .050" centers.

About Board Mount Strips

Aerospace customers typically use MicroStrips™ for high reliability board-to-wire I/O applications. The pin strip is usually configured with right angle thru-hole PC tails. The strip is bonded to the PC board with epoxy, or attached to the board with screws installed in optional mounting holes. Surface mount and vertical mount versions are also available.

Figure 4

Right Angle Pin Strip with Staggered PC Tails, Mounting Holes and Center Latch

P/N 171-005-23P-.125-CLMH

Note that the board mounted strip has 23 cavities called out in the part number, but the mating socket strip (Fig. 1) has 17. Also note that three cavities are taken up by the mounting holes, and the position #1 white dot moves to the first electrical position.

