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Hermetic Connector Technology

Glass-to-Metal Seal • CODE RED Lightweight Hermetic

Hermeticity in Connectors

- Interconnection devices may be permanently sealed by fusion or other means to prevent the transmission of air, moisture and other gases across a bulkhead or other barrier
- Hermeticity is expressed as the rate of leakage volume of helium per second in time. Mil/aerocaliber hermetics perform at 1X10⁻⁷ He/CC sec.
- Glass-to-metal, or CODE RED encapsulant sealing technology, is preferred for robust, durable hermetic seals between contacts, insert assemblies and connector bodies and shells.



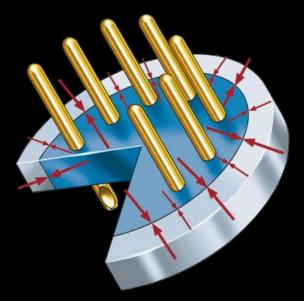
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The traditional "Gold Standard" of Hermetic Seals: Glass-to-Metal





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Advantages of Glass-to-Metal Sealed Hermetic Connectors Compared to Legacy "Potted" Solutions

- High reliability
- Pressure resistance
- High operating temperature
- Mechanical strength
- Withstands the heat of soldering
- Easy final assembly (i.e. welding or wire bonding)
- No material breakdown/aging over time



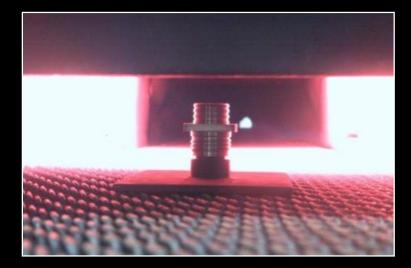
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Hermetic Sealing Process: Sealing/Firing

- Components assembled (metal shell/contacts/glass) using carbon fixture plates to hold them in position
- Assembly placed in a controlled temperature furnace (~1700° F) and subjected to a gradually increasing temperature.
- At the sealing temperature, the glass melts and fills the space between the pin and the shell (chemical bond occurs)
- The assembly is then cooled.





Hermetic Sealing Process – Cleaning

- Sealed assemblies wired or racked based on their size and configuration.
- Processed for cleaning (oil removal)
- Descaling (multi-step process to remove oxidation)
- Brite-Dip process (passivation)
- Hydro Honed using a fine grit impact bead at low pressure, then rinsed and dried
- Final inspected and packed for return





Hermetic Sealing Process – Plating

- Typically gold plating is required
- Contacts cannot be plated in large batches (barrel or vibratory process)
- Each contact is individually wired twice, once on each side
- Assembly is submersed into the plating solution
- Wiring can produce an area that is discolored where the wire was attached. "Wire marks" are common and are allowed for this type of plating





Hermetic Sealing Process – Final Assembly

- Insulators
- Interfacial seals/gaskets
- Socket components (design dependent)
- Crimp removable insertsConnector hardware





Hermetic Sealing Process – Test

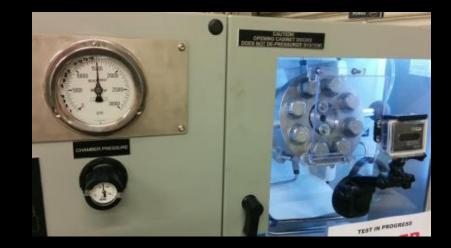
- Leak Testing

 100% helium leak testing

 Electrical

 Typically IR/DWV 100%

 Pressure Testing
 - In-house to 15,000 psi
 - Several labs available for > 15ksi





Hermetic Sealing Can Be Implemented Hermetic for Any Circular Connector Package...

Technology supports both pin and socket contact in any receptacle style

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These are all standard catalog product offerings at Glenair



...And For All Rectangular Designs

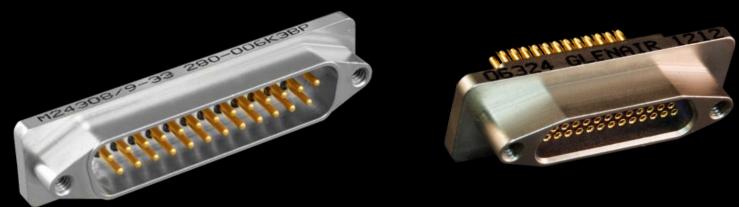


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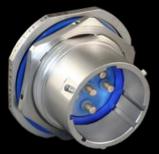
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Design Features of Standard MIL-DTL-38999 Hermetics



Glenair is QPL'd for both pin and socket contact types

Series I



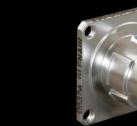
Bayonet Scoop-Proof



Bayonet Low-Profile Triple-Start Stub ACME

Series III

Series IV



Breech Lock



SuperNine®



Better than QPL glass-to-metal seal hermetic solutions, catalog hermetic specials, hybrid contact hermetics, and more





233-100 IAW MIL-DTL-38999 Series III hermetic

Hermetic receptacles with crimp contacts

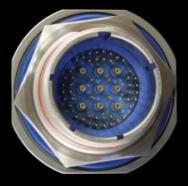
Hermetic bulkhead feed-thrus



Hermetics with high-speed contacts



Special RF Pin-Contact Hermetics with Hybrid Coax/Twinax/Signal Inserts



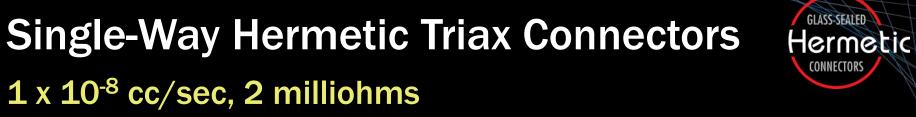
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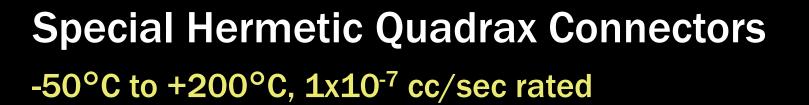
1 x 10⁻⁷ cc/sec 9 # 16 Coax contacts and 48 #23 contacts 1 x 10⁻⁷ cc/sec 19N17 arrangement with 2 #8 Twinax













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Special Fiber Optic Hermetics

1 x 10⁻⁸ cc/sec



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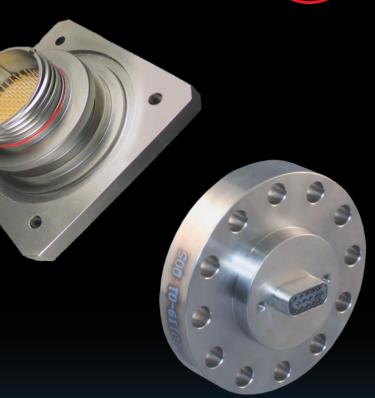
Fiber/signal combinations (no fiber-only arrangements)



Design Opportunities in Custom Glass-to-Metal Seal Hermetic Connectors

- Flange dimensions and mounting
- Length of bulkhead penetration
- Connector-to-panel sealing
- Unique contacts / insert arrangements
- Shell and contact materials
- Contact wire termination type
- PCB mounting design
- Other





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<1X10⁻⁷ HERMETIC SEALING

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LIGHTWEIGHT HERMETIC CONNECTORS



The Lightweight Hermetic Challenge

Full hermetic sealing (10⁻⁷) in a lightweight connector shell package, with low contact resistance AND mission-critical durability

- Glass-to-metal seal furnace temperatures are too high for lightweight aluminum and lowresistance copper contacts
- Conventional epoxy potting lacks sealing strength and mission-critical durability





Introducing CODE RED

When the mission demands hermeticity, and you can't afford the weight and electrical resistance of steel or Kovar





Glass-Seal Hermetics Drawbacks vs. CODE RED Benefits

Glass-to-Metal Seal Hermetic Drawbacks

- Excessive weight
- High contact resistance
- Expensive process with high fallout
- Long lead times and expensive tooling

Code Red Benefits

- Light weight
- Low resistance copper Contacts
- High yield
- Value stream: process can make 80 parts in 3 days using standard tooling



Key to CODE RED Performance



Unlike static epoxy potting, CODE RED sealing encapsulant is a dynamic adhesive material

- Expansion and contraction is matched to metal connector materials
- Virtually immune to thermal aging
- Order of magnitude stronger and more durable than conventional hard epoxy potting





CODE RED Features and Benefits

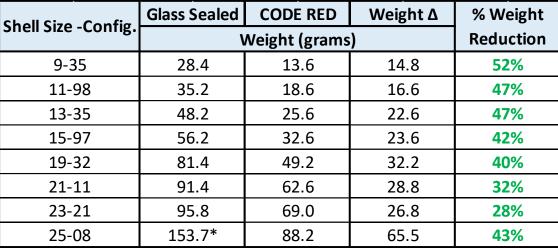
- Hermetic Seal > 1X10-7
- Light weight, corrosion resistant materials
- Low-resistance copper alloy contacts
- Extreme temperature tolerance

- Meets NASA outgassing
- Turnkey, drop-in replacement for glass-seal hermetics
- Can be used in various product families and shell geometries





CODE RED Weight Savings: MIL-DTL-38999

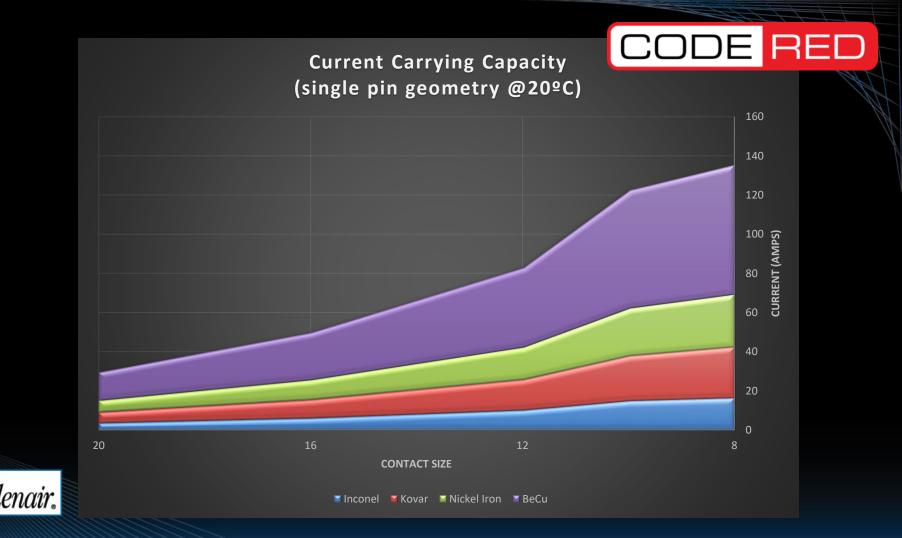


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Material	Specific Gravity	Density (Ib/in ³)	% Heavier than Composite	% Heavier than Aluminum
Composite	1.27-1.51	0.055	-	-
Aluminum	2.55-2.80	0.098	44%	-
Stainless Steel	7.70-7.73	0.284	81%	65%





Standard Materials





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Component	Material	Finish	
CODE RED	Dynamic Glenair Encapsulant Sealing	N.A.	
Contacts	Beryllium copper alloy per ASTM B197 or equivalent	50 microinches gold per ASTM B488 Type 3, Code C, Class 1.27 over 50-100 microinches nickel plate per SAE-AMS-QQ- N-290 Class 2	
Retaining Ring	300 Series Stainless Steel	Passivated per AMS 2700, method 1, type 2, class 3	
Insulator	Epiall 1908 or E484	N.A.	
Wire Grommet and Interfacial Seals	Blended fluorosilicone/silicone elastomer 30% silicone per ZZ- R-765, 70% fluorosilicone per MIL-R-25988	N.A.	
Shell and Jam Nut	Aluminum alloy 6061-T6 per ASTM B221	Electroless nickel per ASTM B733	

CODE RED Testing and Validation



- DWV and IR
- Contact retention
- Insert retention
- Hermetic seal at 30 psi
- IR at temperature
- DWV at altitude
- Random vibration at temperature*





CODE RED Testing and Validation





Connectors utilizing Code Red potting have gone through grueling qualification testing to validate the technology including:

- 100 cycles of thermal shock
- 1000 hours of thermal aging
- Extreme temperature exposure to +200°C

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Material and process summary

- CODE RED is a proprietary encapsulant sealing and application process that delivers hermetic performance on par with glasssealed solutions
- CODE RED is not old school epoxy potting. CODE RED Sealing solves all the aging, embrittlement, temperature cycling and leak problems inherent to hard epoxy solutions
- CODE RED Hermetics =
 - Dynamic hermetic encapsulant with a coefficient of expansion matched to copper contact and aluminum shell materials
 - Proprietary (internal) connector shell package architecture
 - Proven, quality-controlled application process performed in Glenair's CODE RED Center of Excellence





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