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# KITCO History

- **KITCO Fiber Optics is a leading provider of fiber optic connectorization products and consulting services to the military and commercial communications industry.**
- **We specialize in the design and fabrication of fiber optic tools, tool kits and custom cable assemblies; producing private label kits for a number of major connector manufacturers and selling our own broad line of products. Other services include:**
  - **Field Services providing on-site termination**
  - **Splicing (including fusion splicing)**
  - **Troubleshooting and testing support**
  - **Hands-on training and certification programs**
- **We are recognized by the defense industry as fiber optic connectivity experts, and for over 27 years have customized our products and services to meet strict military standards. We work with and support major defense contractors and government agencies.**



# Training

Our training department was created to share our broad industry knowledge; and our hands-on training and advanced certification program have become the hallmarks of our superior reputation. Our trainers have strong credentials including advanced industry certifications, substantial field experience and have trained thousands of students worldwide on terminating, splicing and testing fiber systems.

Our main training facility is located at our headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia, and a San Diego presence serves the West Coast and the surrounding area. Additionally, with our established mobile training services, we have the ability to train at your desired location—anywhere in the world—customizing and tailoring our courses to meet your training requirements.

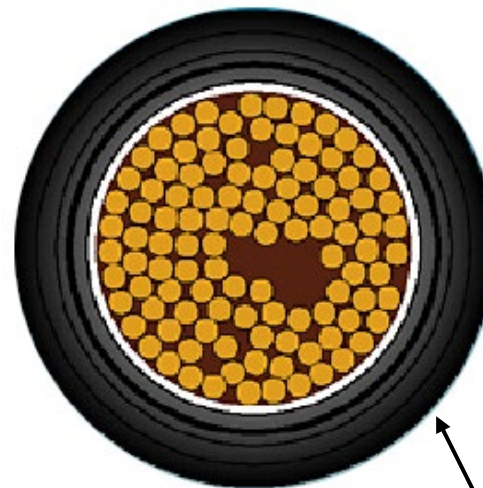


- **The advantages of fiber optics and their units of measure**

# ADVANTAGES OF FIBER OPTICS

- Information Carrying Capacity
- Low Loss
- Electromagnetic/ Radio Frequency Immunity
- Light Weight
- Small Size
- Safety
- Security
- Upgradability

# CABLE COMPARISON



	<u><b>FIBER OPTIC CABLE</b></u>	<u><b>COPPER CABLE</b></u>
<b>DESIGN</b>	144 Fibers	900 Pair Screened Pulp
<b>SIZE</b>	0.50 Inch Diameter	2.86 Inch Diameter
<b>WEIGHT</b>	80 lbs/1000 ft	4800 lbs/1000 ft
<b>TRANSMISSION RATE</b>	3.84 Tbps per fiber pair	1.54 Mbps per pair
<b>PHONE CALLS</b>	6,000,000 per fiber pair	24 per pair
<b>REGENERATOR SPACING</b>	60-70 miles	1.25 miles

# TRANSMISSION COMPARISION

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Library of Congress	81.5 years	35.62 years	2.95 years	4 hrs	43.90

- **The Main parts of a fiber link and the layers of an optical fiber.**



# MAIN PARTS OF A FIBER LINK

**TRANSMITTER** Converts Electrical Signal into a Light Signal (**LED, VCSEL** or a **LASER**)

**RECEIVER** Accepts the Light, (**Photodiode: PIN or APD**) and Converts it back into an Electrical Signal

**FIBER OPTIC CABLE** Transmission Medium for Carrying Light

**CONNECTORS** Connects Fibers to the Source, Detector, and Other Fibers

# TRANSMITTER SOURCES

- **Light Emitting Diode (LED)**

Wide emission pattern (spectral width),  
slow data transmission, low cost (MM)



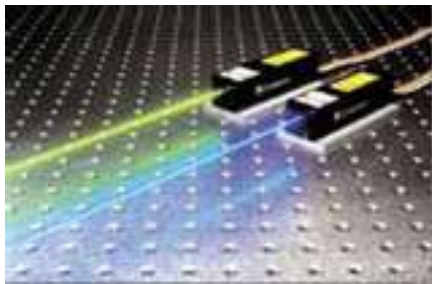
- **Vertical Cavity Surface-Emitting Laser (VCSEL)**

Narrower emission pattern than an LED,  
faster data transmission, low cost (MM),  
used w/ 50um MM LASER optimized fiber



- **LASER Diode (LD)**

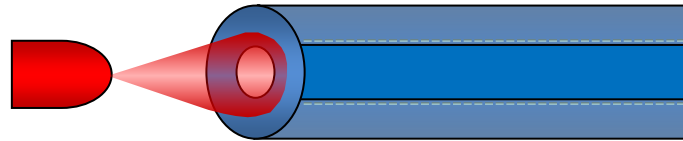
Extremely narrow emission pattern,  
fastest data transmissions, high cost (SM)



# TRANSMITTER SOURCES

## Mode Field Diameter: LASER vs LED

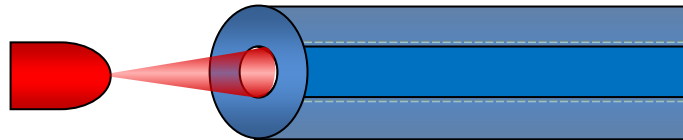
**LED  $\geq 100\mu\text{m}$**



**62.5um core**

Image of an LED with a wide or higher output pattern.

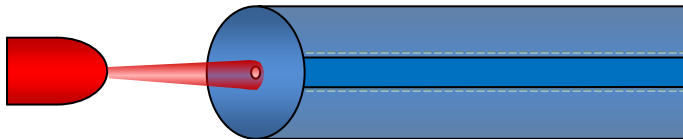
**VCSEL  $\leq 40\mu\text{m}$**



**50um core**

Spot diameter is not overfilled

**LASER Diode**



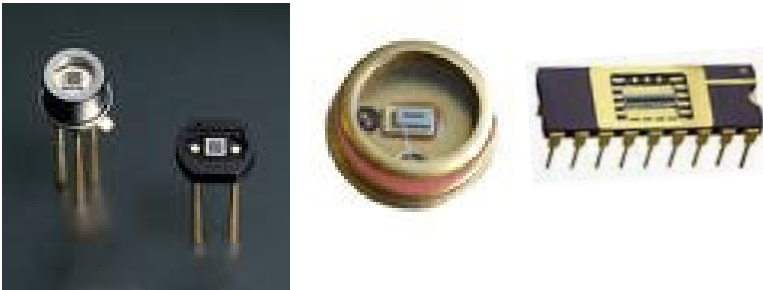
**8.3um core**

80% Core, 20% Cladding

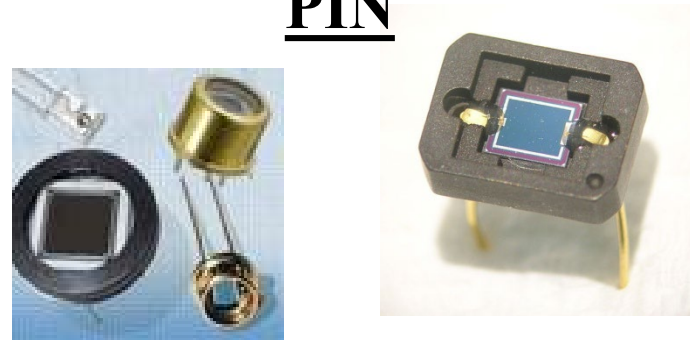
# RECEIVERS/DETECTORS

- **Photodiodes**
  - **PIN (Positive-Intrinsic-Negative)** – Requires signal amplifiers, no gain, low cost, low data rates. Photon to Electron ratio is one to one.
  - **APD (Avalanche Photodiode)** – Requires additional electronics because high internal gain (noise filtering), more costly, better for high data rates

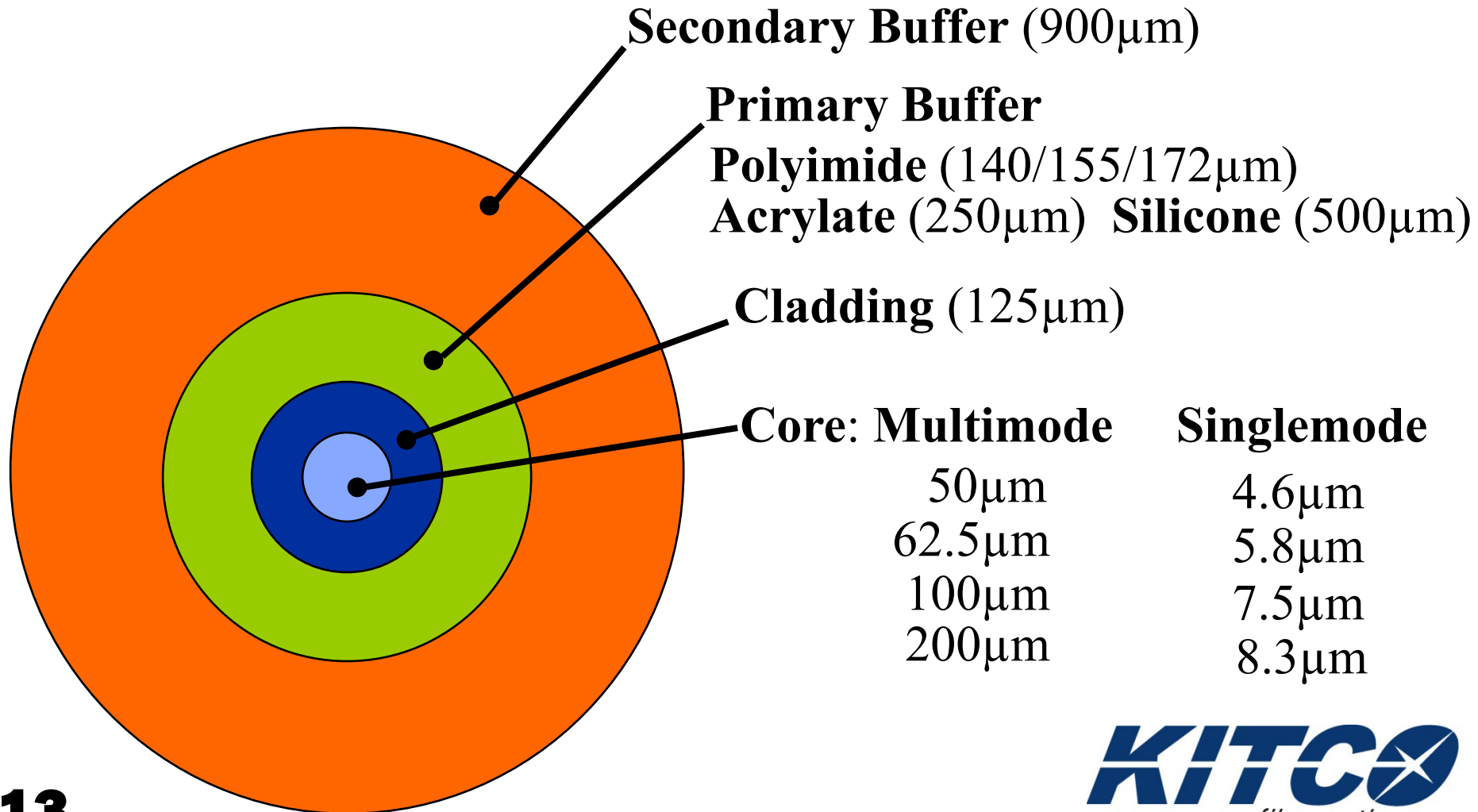
APD



PIN

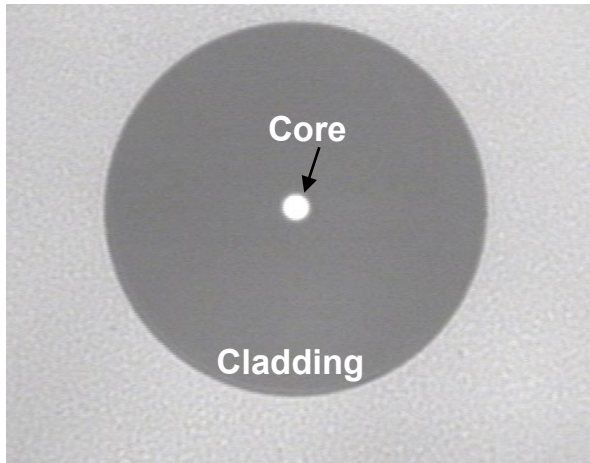


# AEROSPACE OPTICAL FIBER PARAMETERS



# OPTICAL FIBER TYPES

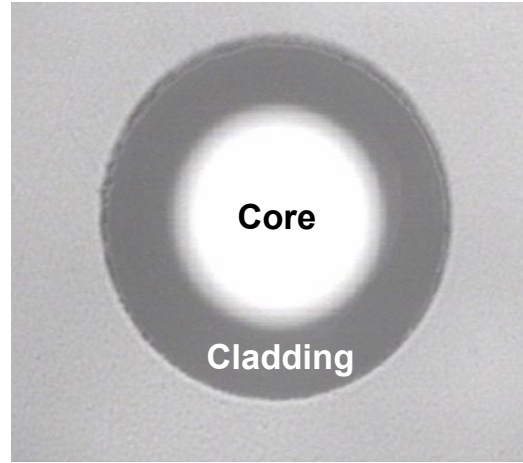
## Singlemode



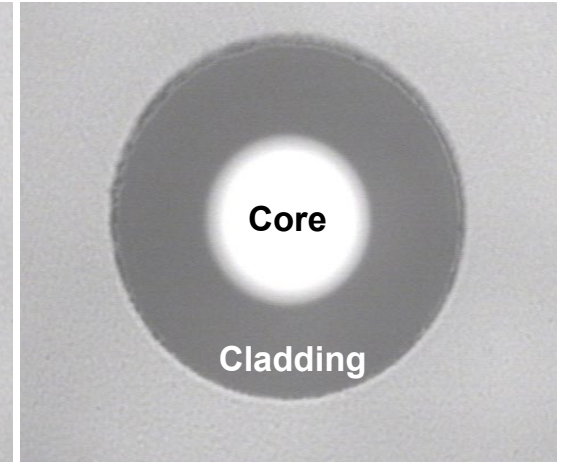
9/125  $\mu\text{m}$

- Lower attenuation
- Small core relative to diameter of the cladding
- Access/medium/long-haul networks ( $\geq 200$  km)
- Unlimited bandwidth

## Multimode



62.5/125  $\mu\text{m}$



50/125  $\mu\text{m}$

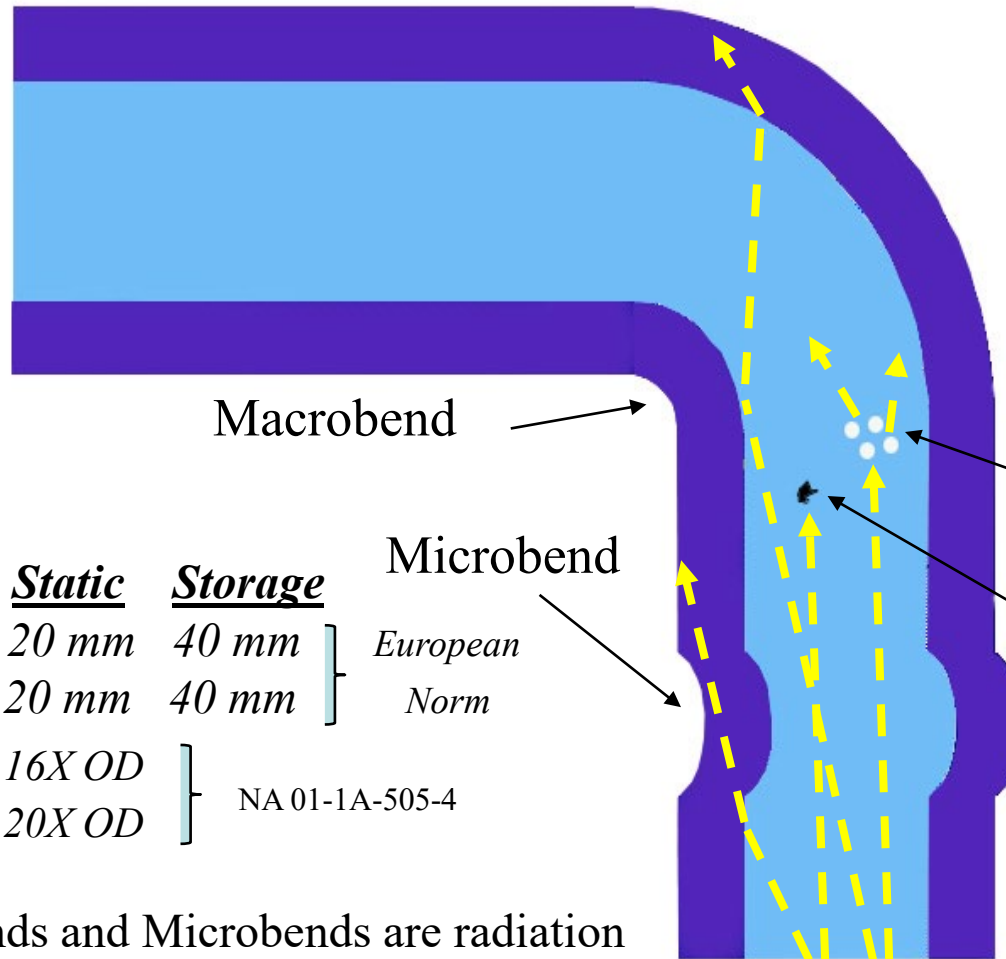
- Higher attenuation
- Large core relative to diameter of the cladding
- Local networks ( $\leq 2$  km)
- Limited bandwidth

- **The cause and effects of light propagation and attenuation in an optical fiber.**

# CAUSES OF ATTENUATION

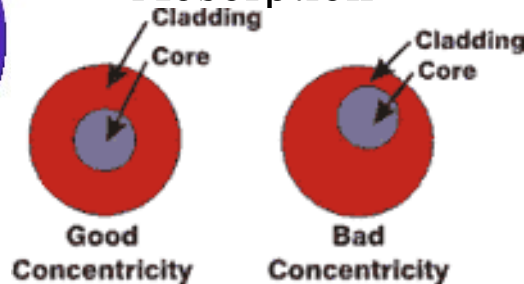
**Extrinsic loss examples:**  
connector end face contamination/defects, macrobends, microbends (external forces), core misalignment, and angular separations.

**Intrinsic loss examples:**  
absorption, density changes, core ovality, and concentricity



Scattering  
(Density changes)

Absorption



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## Installation

## Static

## Storage

## Microbend

European  
Norm

NA 01-1A-505-4

Tight 20 mm

20 mm

40 mm

Loose 20 mm

20 mm

40 mm

Tight 8X OD

16X OD

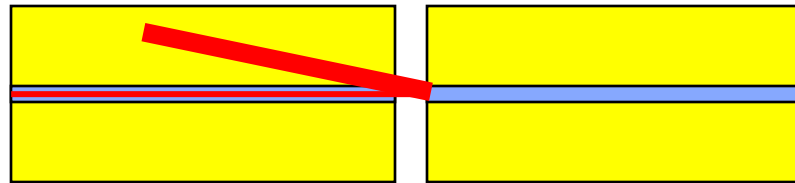
Loose 20X OD

20X OD

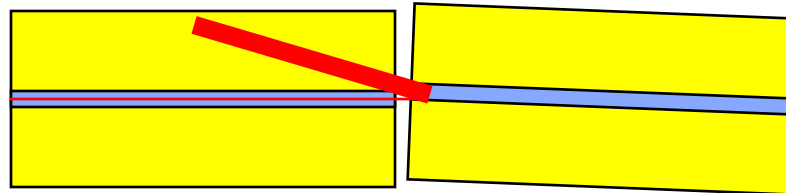
Note: Macrobends and Microbends are radiation losses and are considered Extrinsic losses.



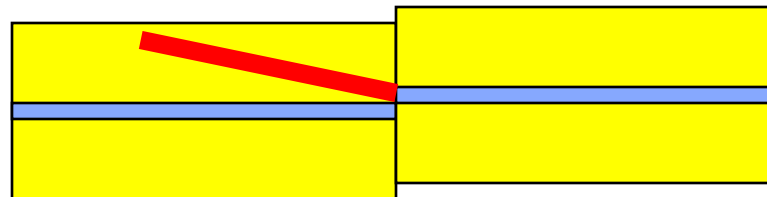
# EXTRINSIC LOSS



End Face Separation



Angular Separation



Core Misalignment



# CABLE BEND DIAMETERS

MANUFACTURER	FIBER TYPE	SHORT TERM	LONG TERM & STORAGE
<b>ARINC 802 &amp; SAE 50881D Standards</b>			
<b>Carlisle (Tensolite)</b>	Liteflight (900um)	4mm	9mm
	Netflight EP (Semi Loose-Structure)	6mm	9mm
<b>General Cable</b>	Flight-Light (Simplex)	10 times jacket OD	
<b>OFS</b>	FlightGuide (GI Polyimide)	8mm	25mm
	FlightLink (GI Silicone)	8mm	25mm
<b>EN (4641 series) &amp; NA-01-1A-505-4 Standards</b>			
<b>Nexans</b>	EN4641-100 (Tight-Structure 62.5/125um GI Simplex)	20mm	20mm
	EN4641-102 (Semi-Loose Structure 62.5/125um GI Simplex)	20mm	20mm
<b>NA-01-1A-505-4</b>	Loose-Structure	20X OD	20X OD
	Tight-Structure	8X OD	16X OD

- **Common Military Connectors**

# ST CONNECTOR



## Straight Tip (ST)

<b>Ferrule</b>	Straight -Single, 2.5 mm Diameter Zirconia Ceramic, Physical Contact
<b>Latch</b>	Bayonet Style, Key Alignment, Push and Turn, Typically 3-5 lb Spring

# LC CONNECTOR



## Lucent Connector (LC)

<b>Ferrule</b>	Straight -Single, 1.25 mm Diameter Zirconia Ceramic, Physical Contact
<b>Latch</b>	Key Alignment, Push and Click, Typically 2-3 lb Spring
<b>Usage</b>	High Density Application for WRA/LRM/LRU interface

# M29504 Termini Socket & Pin



## Termini

M29504/5 socket and M29504/4 Pin, Zirconia Ceramic, 0.0625” (1.6mm) Ferrule, Physical Contact (PC), Style 1, Based on 16 AWG Stainless Steel Ferrule. With stainless-steel, ruby-jewel insert, style 2.

## Alignment Sleeve

Threaded protective metal sleeve over a single split ceramic sleeve.

## Latch

Rear Insertion & Rear Release.

## Usage

M38999, ARINC 600, and ARINC 404 Connectors

# ARINC 801 TERMINI



**Terminus** ARINC 801, Zirconia Ceramic, 1.25mm  
Ferrule, Physical Contact, Based on 16 AWG

**Types** **LM**: Loose Structure Cable, Multimode  
**LS**: Loose Structure Cable, Singlemode  
**LSA**: Loose Structure Cable, Singlemode APC  
**TM**: Tight Structure Cable, Multimode  
**TS**: Tight Structure Cable, Singlemode  
**TSA**: Tight Structure Cable, Singlemode APC

**Latch** Rear Insertion & Rear Release.

**Usage** Installed into Radiall 38999, EPX, and ARINC 600 Connectors

# EN 4531 TERMINI



- Termini** EN 4531 Elio, Zirconia Ceramic, 2.50mm Ferrule, Physical Contact (PC), no crimp required.
- Latch** Rear Insertion & Rear Release.
- Usage** Housed in ARINC 600 and 38999 style multi-terminus connectors. Primary European Norm (EN) FO termini employed onboard the Airbus platforms



# MTP/MPO (ARRAY) CONNECTOR



## Mechanical Transfer Push-On (MTP/MPO)

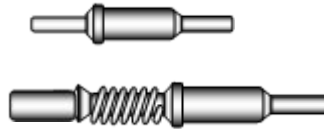
<b>Ferrule</b>	Flat Rectangular MT, Typically 4, 8, 12 Ribbon Fibers, Plastic, Physical Contact
<b>Latch</b>	Key Alignment, Push and Click, Typically 2-3 lb Spring
<b>Usage</b>	High Density Application, up to 72 fibers in a small footprint, for WRA/LRM/LRU assemblies

# M38999 CONNECTOR

ARINC  
801 Plug



M29504/4 & M29504/5



EN4531 ELIO  
Receptacle



## Termini

Zirconia Ceramic (ZC) or Stainless-Steel end face, Physical Contact (PC) or Non-Contact (NC). M29504/4 & /5, ARINC 801, EN4531 ELIO, MPO/MTP

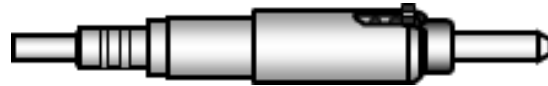
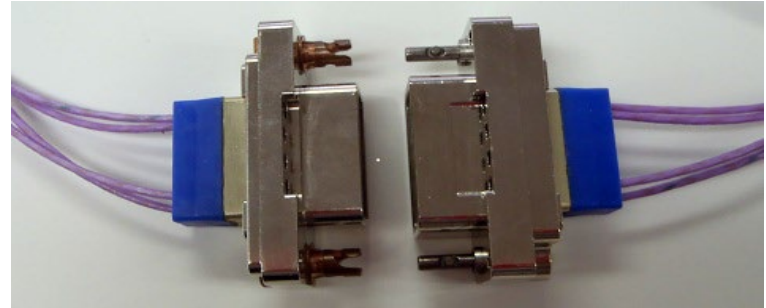
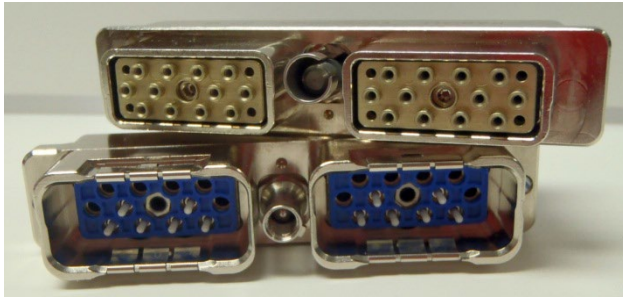
## Connector

Shell Sizes: Souriau size 25 (19 Elio), Radiall size 25 (32 ARINC 801), Glenair size 37 (39 M29504/4 & /5) Color-coded connector: Blue line indicates rear release, yellow line indicates FO connector, & red line indicates fully mated

## Usage

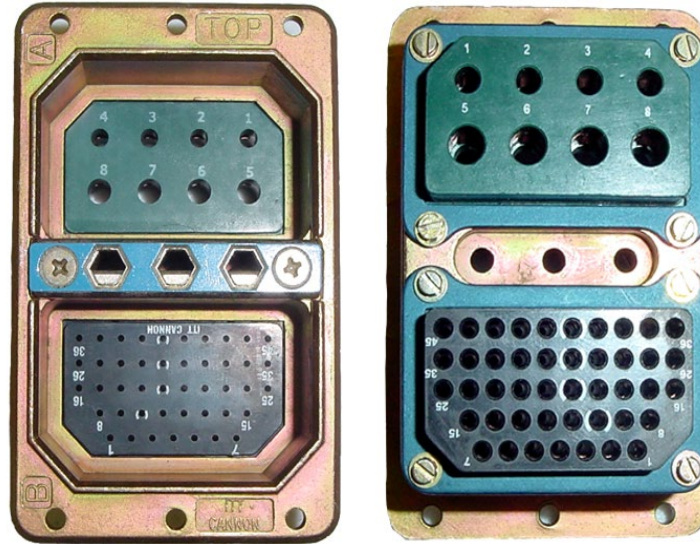
Bulkhead, Aircraft avionics rack, LRU/WRA, & feed thru.

# EPX CONNECTOR



- Termini** ARINC 801 genderless. 1.25mm, Zirconia Ceramic ferrule, physical contact
- Connector** 12 Channel or 24 Channel, Key A Insert and Key B Insert. Alignment sleeve pack configuration
- Usage** High density, cable-to-cable, modular station disconnect applications

# ARINC 404 Connector



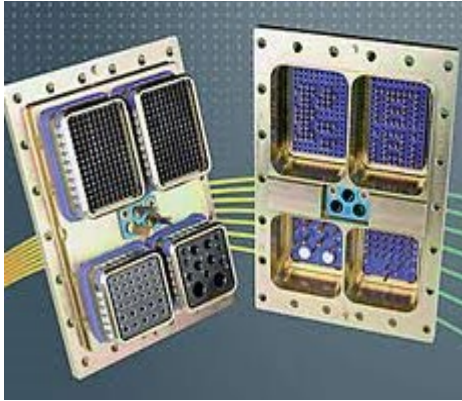
**Termini Connector** Based on 16 AWG size M29504/4/5/6 & /7  
4 different sizes available to house up to 26 termini

**Usage** Rack & panel avionics connector. Predecessor to ARINC 600. Military aircraft, military, commercial flight simulators, and radar systems.

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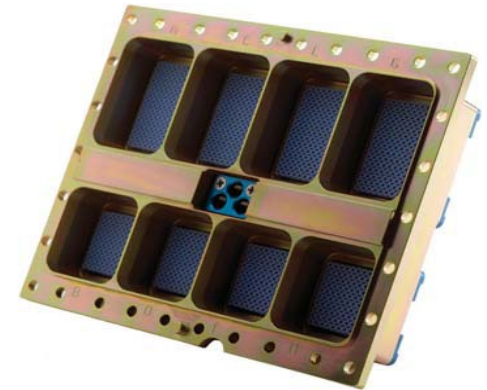
Shell Size 2  
(Amphenol)



Shell Size 3



Shell Size 4



Shell Size 6

## Termini

Based on 16 AWG M29504/4/5/6 & /7

## Connector

Four different shell sizes and multiple different size insert cavities available (A-F). Up to 36 M29504 termini/insert

## Usage

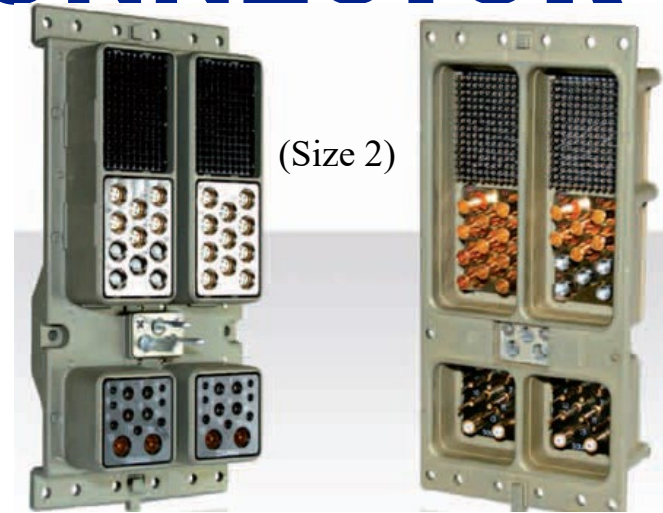
Rack and panel avionics equipment. Intended for use in Military aircraft



# ARINC 600 CONNECTOR



Cable Side (Size 1)



(Size 2)

LRU Side

## Termini

Based on 16 AWG size:

- ARINC 801 max of 36 (**Radial** insert # 36F36),
- EN 4531 max of 16 (**Souriau** insert 11Q2),
- EN 4531 max of 11 #8 AWG (Quadrax Adapters)
- M29504 max of 5 (**Amphenol** insert #121)

## Connector

3 different sizes: Size 1, Size 2 & Size 3

## Usage

Extreme levels of shock, vibration and humidity in Boeing BACC66 series, Airbus ASNE0161 / ASNE0162 / ASNE0163 series and McDonnell Douglas 067401, 068134, 068135 series

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