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3M Introduces 2 mm Latch/Eject Headers for Wire to Board Applications, Saving Circuit Board “Real Estate;” Allows more Signals in Smaller Space

AUSTIN, Texas - Jan. 31, 2007 – 3M Company, the business trusted for high reliability IDC solutions, now offers a 2mm by 2mm-pitch latch/eject header. The compact header offers a durable, flexible solution for applications where circuit board space is a concern. The 3M brand 2 mm latch/eject header provides a robust system solution when mated with 3M brand IDC sockets 1522 series and 3M brand 2M molded assemblies series.

The header is suitable for a variety of electronic applications, including blade servers, medical electronics, motor control boards, data collection devices and high-performance audio components.

The latch/ejectors maintain a secure connection to the cable assembly during operation, yet allows for easy removal of the harness when needed. 3M uses roll pins to attach the latches instead of a snap-in system, designed to enable connectivity in high-vibration applications and during shipping. The latch incorporates a unique design that resists breakage when ejecting the mating assembly, increasing system reliability.

The 3M family of 2 mm latch/eject headers features 13-pin count options from six to 50 positions, offering design flexibility across applications. The connector bodies feature a cutout to accommodate mating connectors with center bump polarization and are made from PCT resins, allowing for high-temperature processing in lead-free environments up to 260 C (JEDEC J-STD-020C). The family offers RoHS compliant* straight- and right-angle plated pins through hole tails for boards up to 0.125” thickness. A vertical surface-mount version is also available.

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