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EziCoax

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Introduction – EziCoax

Objective

- Develop a single-piece, spring-loaded, solderless, board to board coax for high-speed RF transmission
- Use in Interposers in mixed array with Spring Probes
- Adapt to Right Angle solution
- Suitable for Space, Radar and Automotive applications



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Benefits

- Low Cost of ownership
- Ease of Installation
- Single-Piece Construction
- Low Profile
- Low mating & de-mating force
- Absorbs X, Y & Z tolerances
- Integrates with Spring Probe arrays in Interposers

EZi Coax - VALUE PROPOSITION

	Current RF BTB Interconnect	EZiCoax RF BTB Interconnect
No. of Components	3	1
Cost of Ownership	HIGH: Labor Intensive, Multi-Step Process	LOW: Single-Step Alignment
Assembly Difficulty	HIGH: Snap-on Bullet requires 2-4 lb _f	LOW : < 4 oz mating force
Rework Difficulty	HIGH: Requires tool to de-mate; frequent PCB damage	LOW: De-mating requires no tool



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EZi Coax - DESIGNS



Target Specifications

Attribute	Spec	Units	Comments
Impedance	50	Ohms	
Mating Cycles	1000		
Current Capacity	1	А	DC
Power Capacity	20	W	CW**
Voltage Rating	60	V rms	
Dielectric Withstanding Voltage	5000	V	DC
Impedance	50	Ω	
Insertion Loss	-1	dB	DC to 40 GHz
Insertion Loss	-2	dB	40-67 GHz
Return Loss	>20	dB	DC to 40 GHz
Return Loss	>10	dB	40-67 GHz
NEXT	> 60	dB	DC to 67 GHz
FEXT	> 60	dB	DC to 67 GHz
Temperature Range	-50 to 165	°C	
Thermal Shocks	100		
Vibration	10 to 2000	Hz	EIA-364, Condition IV, 10 NanoSecond
Shock	300	G	EIA 364, Half Sine
EMI	> 65	dB	Immunity
Shock	300	G	EIA 364, Half Sine

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Initial RF Test Results



Test Equipment for measurement: Keysight N5227A PNA 67GHz Ecal Module 2X 305320-000 0.5mm RF Test Fixtures Tools for Analysis: PLTS Software Automatic Fixture Removal (AFR) with the 2X Thru method Bandwidth: 10MHz to 67GHz Port Impedance: 50 Ohms Note: All measurements were calibrated with SOLT calibration

All measurements were calibrated with SOLI calibration and/or de-embedding techniques to isolate the RF test block for characterization only.

Preliminary Results show good frequency response and impedance match.



Insertion Loss –Coax Repeated Measurements

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Simulation Results

HFSS Simulation of contact area does show resonance movement and change.



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Conclusion

- EZiCoax has low cost of ownership
 - Solderless
 - Compression Mount
 - 1 Piece
 - Low Insertion/Extraction Force
- Absorbs X, Y & Z Alignment Issues
- Can be integrated into Interposers
- Offered in B2B and RA Versions
- Band Limited to 23.5 GHz
 - Issue internal contact with Shield Plunger
 - Solution is understood and in progress
- Qualification will be to ESA 3401 Specification
- Estimate Jan 2023 for full Automation of assembly



Smiths Group - Facts and Revenues by Division

- Founded in 1851
- FTSE100 Listed Global Technology Business
- A World Leader in the Practical Application of Advanced Technologies
- Over 15,000 Employees
- More than 50 Countries
- Revenues £ 2.4bn



Smiths Interconnect Business Unit Structure

A Business Unit structure focused on addressing customers' needs



Smiths Interconnect Overview

We Offer:

- Technical excellence and broad market experience
- A comprehensive product portfolio of technically differentiated, advanced engineering solutions
- Business units focused on addressing customers' needs: Connectors, Fibre Optics and RF Components, Semiconductor Test, and Smiths Interconnect Inc.
- Optimised quality through first class materials, state-of-the-art development methods, and world class talent
- Robust financial pedigree and reputable heritage of Smiths Group

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Connectors - Quick Facts and Technology Brands







- Joint venture with Sichuan Huafeng Enterprise Group Co. Ltd, one of the major manufacturers of electronic components in China
- Industry-leading connectivity solutions for commercial aerospace and railway markets in mainland China



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- High speed Quadrax, Twinax, Fibre Optic, Filtered, Coax and Triax connectors, contacts and cable assemblies
- Custom multi-pin circular, rack and panel connectors

Connector Solutions

High Power

- Rugged, single and multi-way formats
- Power up to 700 Amps
- Suitable for harsh environmental conditions
- High number of mating cycles



High Speed

- Standard 100 and 150 Ω quadrax and twinax contacts
- Formats: MIL-DTL-38999, ARINC 600, MIL-DTL-83527 and D-Subminiature
- Fibre Channel, Ethernet Firewire, USB, DVI and InfiniBand protocols



Circular

- Available in metal and plastic shells
- Crimp and solder terminations
- Push/pull latching mechanism
- Colour coding options available



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Modular/Rectangular

- Configurable with signal, power, RF, twinax, triax, quadrax and fibre optic contacts into a single connector
- Guided hardware for blind mating



Spring Probe

- Low profile, high compliance ratio
- Z-axis compliance
- Blind mate engagement
- Low, stable resistance with long cycle life



PCB

- Low, medium and high density connectors with long life cycle
- Signal, power, coaxial and high speed configurations
- Board to board, cable to board, cable to cable and stacking



EMI/EMP Filter

- Intermateable and interchangeable with standard non- filter connectors
- C, L and Pi style EMI filters
- TVS protection meeting the requirements of TCA D160 section 22 up to level 5



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