CSS series

Connection with dual spring terminal per pole

Series **CSS** is the "two spring clamp terminal per contact" counterpart of series CSH connectors, which have one spring-clamp terminal per contact.

CSS connection technology see page 23

In series CSS inserts are made available to the user with two spring clamp terminals per contact so that two conductors can be connected to each of them.

Series CSS inserts share the mating interface (dimensions) with equally sized inserts of series ${\bf CNE}$ (screw-type) ${\bf CCE}$ (crimp type) ${\bf CSH}$ (spring-type with actuator button SQUICH®), ${\bf CT}$ (screw-type with 45° terminal block) and ${\bf CTSE}$ (spring-type with 45° terminal block).

With connectors like **CSS** and suitably developed housings, electric motors can be prepared for the fastest and safest installation. The motor terminal box may be replaced by the specially developed motor connection angled housing **CVI 10 LA** or **MVI 10 LAP32** (see page 450). The "57.27" size for the connector insert and the housing has been chosen to fulfil motor connection requirements.

Star or delta (triangle) bridges may be realized in the mating (free) female connector, realizing simple bridges thanks to the double terminals per pole feature of **CSS**, by short conductors stripped at both ends and "U-bent". Fast and easy exchange of a motor for maintenance is made easy, reducing costs for downtime.

* DESINA standards for **DE**centralized and **S**tandardized **IN**stall**A**tion Technology. This working group was founded by the Association of German Machine Tools Manufacturers (VDW) with the target to develop a field bus independent, standardized installation system for machines and production plants. The task was fulfilled in close cooperation with machine tools manufacturers, the automotive industry and their supply chain. **DESINA**, specifications have been transferred to series **ISO 22570** international standards.



SUM-UP

- \square Two spring clamp terminals per contact
- \square No special tools are needed
- □ Suitable for standard hoods/housings size "44.27", "57.27", "77.27", "77.62", "104.27", "104.62" high construction version
- \square Vibration and shock resistant
- ☐ Ideal as motor connectors, as they provide the possibility to connect motor windings in star and delta configuration
- ☐ The 10 pole version is specified by DESINA.

 Specifications* and by ISO 22570-1:2009 as type 1 connector for motor connection

 (6 poles for three-phase star or delta connection + 2 poles for breaking circuit + 2 poles for temperature sensing motor protection circuit)
- \square Bult-in silver plated contacts



CSS series TECHNICAL FEATURES

Insert series		css			
No. of poles 1)	Main contacts + (4)	6, 10, 16, 24, (32 = 2x16), (48 = 2x24)			
	auxiliary contacts	_			
Rated current 2)		16A			
EN IEC 61984	rated voltage	500V			
Pollution degree 3	rated impulse voltage	6kV			
	pollution degree	3			
EN IEC 61984	rated voltage	400/690V			
Pollution degree 2	rated impulse voltage	6kV			
	pollution degree	2			
UL / CSA certification	rated voltage (a.c./d.c.)	600V			
Contact resistance		≤ 3 mΩ			
Insulation resistance		≥ 10 GΩ			
Ambient temperature limit (°C)	min	-40 °C			
	max	+125 °C			
Degree of protection	with enclosures	IP65, IP66/IP69, IP66/IP67/IP69, IP66/IP68/IP69 (according to type and model)			
	without enclosures (in mated condition) - termination side on male and female inserts - mating side on female inserts	IP20 (IPXXB)			
Conductor connections		spring type			
Conductor cross-sectional area	mm ²	0,14 - 2,5			
	AWG	26 - 14			
Mechanical endurance (mating cy	rcles)	≥ 500			

¹⁾ Polarities shown in brackets may be obtained by using two inserts in their own double-sized housings

²⁾ Please check the inserts derating diagrams to establish the actual maximum operating current according to the ambient temperature, the conductor cross-sectional area, the polarity of the connector, and any external constraint may derive e.g. by the continuous operating temperature sustained by the chosen conductor sheathing or by end-product safety standards fixing max allowed temperature rise on terminals (e.g. 30 K, 45 K or 50 K)

CSS 6 poles + 🕀 16A - 500V

enclosures: size "44.27 page: 387 - 392 C-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69 C7 IP67, single lever V-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69, single lever 436 - 437 444 - 447 466 - 467 **BIG** hoods T-TYPE IP65 insulating 480 - 481 T-TYPE / W IP66/IP69 insulating 489 HYGIENIC T-TYPE / H IP66/IP69 HYGIENIC T-TYPE / C IP66/IP69, -50 °C 501 506 W-TYPE for aggressive environments 521 E-Xtreme® corrosion proof 530 - 531, 542, 550 - 551 578 603 - 605 Central lever LS-TYPE 618 - 619 IP68 632 - 635 panel supports: COB page: 652 - 653 inserts. connection with dual spring terminal per pole



can be mated with CNE, CCE, CTSE, CSH inserts

description

dual spring terminal per pole female inserts with female contacts male inserts with male contacts

CSSF 06

CSSM 06

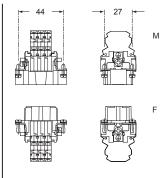
part No.

The CSS series inserts can be inserted in flush mounted enclosures or in fixed / portable high enclosures.

- characteristics according to EN 61984:

16A 500V 6kV 3 400/690V 6kV 2 16A

- 🗫 🚱 😄 DNV VERITAS [H] certified
- rated voltage according to UL/CSA: 600V insulation resistance: ≥ 10 GΩ
- ambient temperature limit: -40 °C ... +125 °C
- made of self-extinguishing thermoplastic resin UL 94V-0
- mechanical life: ≥ 500 cycles
- contact resistance: ≤ 3 mΩ
- for max. current load see the connector inserts derating diagram below; for more information see page 28

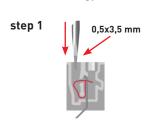


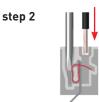
contacts side (front view)



- spring inserts for conductor cross-sections: 0,14 2,5 mm² AWG 26 14
- conductors stripping length: 9...11 mm

Connection technology

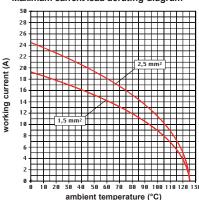






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CSS 06 poles connector inserts Maximum current load derating diagram



CSS 10 poles + ⊕ 16A - 500V



enclosures: size "57.27" page: C-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69 393 - 401 C7 IP67, two levers V-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69, single lever 438 448 - 453 **BIG** hoods 468 - 469 T-TYPE IP65 insulating 482 - 483 T-TYPE / W IP66/IP69 insulating 490 HYGIENIC T-TYPE / H IP66/IP69 502 HYGIENIC T-TYPE / C IP66/IP69, -50 °C 507 W-TYPE for aggressive environments 522 E-Xtreme® corrosion proof 532 - 533, 543, 552 - 553 579 Central lever 606 - 608 LS-TYPE 620 - 621 IP68 636 - 639 panel supports: COB page: 652 - 653 inserts, connection with dual spring terminal per pole



can be mated with CNE, CCE, CTSE, CSH inserts

description part No.

dual spring terminal per pole female inserts with female contacts male inserts with male contacts

CSSF 10 CSSM 10

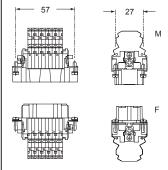
The CSS series inserts can be inserted in flush mounted enclosures or in fixed / portable high enclosures.

- characteristics according to EN 61984:

16A 500V 6kV 3 16A 400/690V 6kV 2



- PA BUREAU EMI certified
- rated voltage according to UL/CSA: 600V insulation resistance: ≥ 10 GΩ
- ambient temperature limit: -40 °C ... +125 °C
- made of self-extinguishing thermoplastic resin UL 94V-0
- mechanical life: ≥ 500 cycles
- contact resistance: ≤ 3 mΩ
- for max. current load see the connector inserts derating diagram below; for more information see page 28

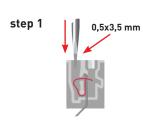


contacts side (front view)



- spring inserts for conductor cross-sections: 0,14 2,5 mm² AWG 26 14
- conductors stripping length: 9...11 mm

Connection technology







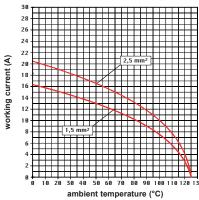
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CSS 10 poles connector inserts Maximum current load derating diagram





16 poles + 🕀 16A - 500V **CSS**

enclosures: size "77.27"	page:
C-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69	402 - 411
C7 IP67, two levers	439 - 440
V-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69, single lever	454 - 458
BIG hoods	470 - 471
T-TYPE IP65 insulating	484 - 485
T-TYPE / W IP66/IP69 insulating	491
HYGIENIC T-TYPE / H IP66/IP69	503
HYGIENIC T-TYPE / C IP66/IP69, -50 °C	508
W-TYPE for aggressive environments	523
E-Xtreme® corrosion proof 534 - 535, 544,	554 - 555
EMC	580
Central lever	609 - 611
LS-TYPE	622 - 623
IP68	640 - 643
panel supports:	page:
COB	652 - 653

inserts, connection with dual spring terminal per pole



can be mated with CNE, CCE, CTSE, CSH inserts

description

dual spring terminal per pole female inserts with female contacts male inserts with male contacts

part No.

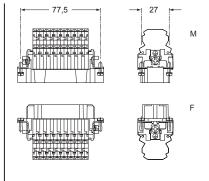
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The CSS series inserts can be inserted in flush mounted enclosures or in fixed / portable high enclosures.

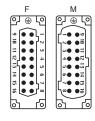
- characteristics according to EN 61984: 16A 500V 6kV 3

16A 400/690V 6kV 2

- 71 (P) COC DNV VERITAS [H] certified
- rated voltage according to UL/CSA: 600V insulation resistance: \geq 10 $G\Omega$
- ambient temperature limit: -40 °C ... +125 °C
- made of self-extinguishing thermoplastic resin UL 94V-0
- mechanical life: ≥ 500 cycles
- contact resistance: ≤ 3 mΩ
- for max. current load see the connector inserts derating diagram below; for more information see page 28

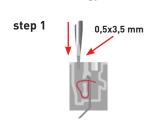


contacts side (front view)



- spring inserts for conductor cross-sections: $0.14 2.5 \text{ mm}^2$ AWG 26 14
- conductors stripping length: 9...11 mm

Connection technology

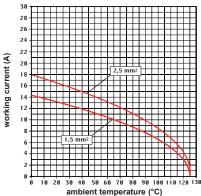








CSS 16 poles connector inserts Maximum current load derating diagram



CSS 24 poles + 🕀 16A - 500V

inserts. connection with dual spring terminal per pole



enclosures: size "104.27" page: 412 - 423 C-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69 C7 IP67, two levers V-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69, single lever 441 - 442 459 - 463 **BIG** hoods 472 - 473 T-TYPE IP65 insulating 486 - 487 T-TYPE / W IP66/IP69 insulating 492 HYGIENIC T-TYPE / H IP66/IP69 504 HYGIENIC T-TYPE / C IP66/IP69, -50 °C 509 W-TYPE for aggressive environments 524 E-Xtreme® corrosion proof 536 - 537, 545, 556 - 557 524 581 Central lever 612 - 614 LS-TYPE 624 - 625 IP68 644 - 647 panel supports: COB page: 652 - 653

can be mated with CNE, CCE, CTSE, CSH inserts

description part No.

dual spring terminal per pole female inserts with female contacts male inserts with male contacts

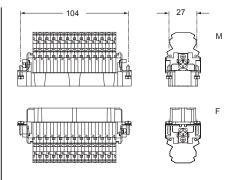
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The CSS series inserts can be inserted in flush mounted enclosures or in fixed / portable high enclosures.

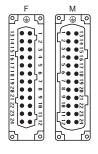
- characteristics according to EN 61984:

500V 6kV 3 400/690V 6kV 2 16A

- 🔁 😘 📀 🚃 BUREAU [H] certified
- rated voltage according to UL/CSA: 600V insulation resistance: ≥ 10 GΩ
- ambient temperature limit: -40 °C ... +125 °C
- made of self-extinguishing thermoplastic resin UL 94V-0
- mechanical life: ≥ 500 cycles
- contact resistance: ≤ 3 mΩ
- for max. current load see the connector inserts derating diagram below; for more information see page 28

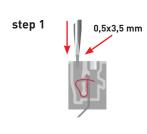


contacts side (front view)



- spring inserts for conductor cross-sections: 0,14 2,5 mm² AWG 26 14
- conductors stripping length: 9...11 mm

Connection technology

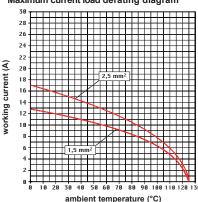








CSS 24 poles connector inserts Maximum current load derating diagram



32 poles + 🕀 16A - 500V **CSS**

enclosures: size "77.62"

page:

C-TYPE IP65 or IP66/IP69 424 - 429 W-TYPE for aggressive environments E-Xtreme® corrosion proof 525 546 inserts. connection with dual spring terminal per pole



can be mated with CNE, CCE, CTSE, CSH inserts

description part No. part No.

dual spring terminal per pole female inserts with female contacts, No. (1-16) and (17-32) male inserts with male contacts, No. (1-16) and (17-32)

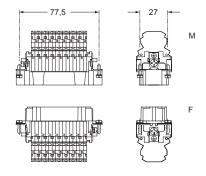
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The CSS series inserts can be inserted in flush mounted enclosures or in fixed / portable high enclosures.

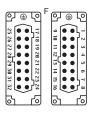
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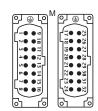
16A 500V 6kV 3 400/690V 6kV 2 16A

- 91 (P) COC DNV VERITAS [H] certified
- rated voltage according to UL/CSA: 600V insulation resistance: ≥ 10 GΩ
- ambient temperature limit: -40 °C ... +125 °C
- made of self-extinguishing thermoplastic resin UL 94V-0
- mechanical life: ≥ 500 cycles
- contact resistance: ≤ 3 mΩ
- for max. current load see the connector inserts derating diagram below; for more information see page 28



contacts side (front view)

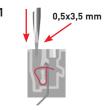




- spring inserts for conductor cross-sections: 0,14 2,5 mm² AWG 26 14
- conductors stripping length: 9...11 mm

Connection technology

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step 2



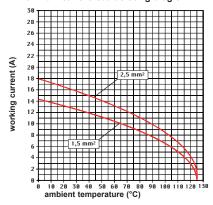
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step 4



CSS 32 poles connector inserts Maximum current load derating diagram



48 poles + 🕀 16A - 500V CSS



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can be mated with CNE, CCE, CTSE, CSH inserts

description part No. part No.

spring terminals with actuator button female inserts with female contacts, No. (1-24) and (25-48) male inserts with male contacts, No. (1-24) and (25-48)

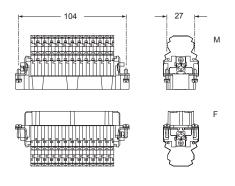
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The CSS series inserts can be inserted in flush mounted enclosures or in fixed / portable high enclosures.

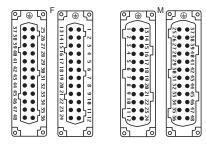
- characteristics according to EN 61984:

500V 6kV 3

- 400/690V 6kV 2 16A
- 🔁 😘 📀 🚃 BUREAU [H] certified
- rated voltage according to UL/CSA: 600V insulation resistance: ≥ 10 GΩ
- ambient temperature limit: -40 °C ... +125 °C
- made of self-extinguishing thermoplastic resin UL 94V-0
- mechanical life: ≥ 500 cycles
- contact resistance: ≤ 3 mΩ
- for max. current load see the connector inserts derating diagram below; for more information see page 28

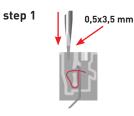


contacts side (front view)



- spring inserts for conductor cross-sections: 0,14 2,5 mm² AWG 26 14
- conductors stripping length: 9...11 mm

Connection technology

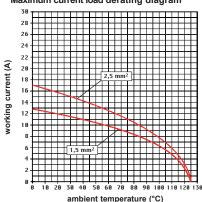








CSS 48 poles connector inserts Maximum current load derating diagram



RECOMMENDED TIGHTENING TORQUE

- insert terminal screws, including PE terminal and fixing screws
- axial screw insert, MIXO series CX 02 4A / CX 02 4B
- enclosures assembly screws

Insert terminal screws, including PE terminal and fixing screws

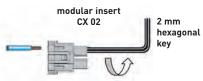
Increasing the tightening torque of terminal screws does not considerably improve the contact resistance. The screw torques are selected according to standard EN 60999-1, to provide excellent mechanical, thermal and electric behaviour. The conductor or terminal may be damaged if the recommended values are significantly exceeded.

Screw size	Connector type		led tightening que	Recommended size of screwdriver
		(Nm)	(lb.in)	
	LINE TERMINALS			
M2,5	CT 40, 64	0,4	3,5	0,5 x 3
M2,6	CT 0624	0,4	3,5	0,5 x 3
M3	CK	0,5	4,4	0,5 x 3
M3	CDA	0,5	4,4	Ph0 or 0,6 x 3,5
M3	CNE, CME	0,5	4,4	Ph0 or 0,8 x 4
M3	CX 4/2, CX 4/8 (16A)	0,5	4,4	0,6 x 3,5
M3	CX 4/8 Q (16A)	0,5	4,4	Ph0
M4	CP	1,2	10,6	Ph1 or 0,8 x 4
M6	CX 4/ (80A)	2,5	22,1	1,0 x 5,5
	PE TERMINAL			
M3	CK, CQ 05, CQ 07, CQ 12	0,5	4,4	0,5x3
M4	all series except CD 15, CD 25, CDA, CDC, CSAH, MIXO	1,2	10,6	Ph2 or 1,0 x 5,5
M3,5	series CD 15, CD 25, CDA, CDC, CSAH	0,8	7,1	Ph1 or 0,8 x 5,5
M3	small PE terminal, MIXO frames series	0,5	4,4	Ph1 or 1,0 x 4,5
M4	large PE terminal, MIXO frames series	1,2	10,6	Ph1 or 1,0 x 5,5
M4	PE terminal, MIXO ONE enclosures	1,2	10,6	Ph1 or 1,0 x 5,5
	FASTENING SCREWS			
M3	CK, CKS, CKSH, CD 07, CD 08, CQ 05, CQ 07, CQ 12, CQ 21, CQ4 02 /02 H, CQ4 03, CX 1/2 BD	0,5	4,4	Ph1 or 0,8 x 5,5
M3	screw for fastening inserts to enclosures of all series except T-TYPE, CQ-MQ 08 and MIXO ONE	0,8	7,1	Ph1 or 0,8 x 4
Ø 2,9	screws for fastening "32.13" inserts CQ 04/2, CQ 08, CQ 17 to CQ-MQ 08 enclosures	0,7	6,2	Ph1
M3	screw for fastening inserts to T-TYPE enclosures	0,5	4,4	Ph1 or 0,8 x 4
Ø 2,9	series MIXO ONE enclosures, assembly of top and bottom parts	0,8	7,1	Ph1
M4	CYR 16.3, CYR 24.4 cable pass-through hoods, assembly of two halves	1,2	10,6	Ph2 or 1,0 x 5,5
M4	CYG 16 in-line joint, assembly of two halves and mounting of two bulkhead mounting housings size "77.27"	1,2	10,6	Ph2 or 1,0 x 5,5
M5	series BIG enclosures, assembly of top and bottom parts	1,0	8,8	Ph2

Axial screw insert, MIXO series CX 02 4A / CX 02 4B

The connections of the conductors to the female and male inserts are made via axial screw. Fully insert the stripped wire in the back of the contact (axial screw terminals are supplied fully opened); while holding the wire down, insert a 2 mm hexagonal key in the front of the contact and tighten to recommended torque. After assembling the complete connector periodically check that the contact is screwed tight by re-applying the proper tightening torque.

- Usable conductor cross-sections (EN 60228 Class 5): from 2,5 to 8 mm² (14 AWG to 10 AWG) (CX 02 4AF/M) from 6 to 10 mm² (10 AWG to 8 AWG) (CX 02 4BF/M) (extra-flexible EN 60228 class 6: 2,5... 6 mm² (14 AWG to 10 AWG)
- Use only stranded flexible copper conductors
- Do not twist the strands!
- Tightening torque with 2 mm hexagonal Allen key:
 1,5 Nm (13,3 lb.in) max for conductors with section 2,5 ... 4 mm² (14 AWG to 12 AWG)
 2 Nm (17,7 lb.in) max for conductors with section 6 ... 10 mm² (10 AWG to 8 AWG)
- Stripping length: 8⁺¹ mm





Enclosures assembly screws

In the table below, the recommended minimum and maximum tightening torque to apply to the fixing screws of ILME bulkhead mounting housings are shown, assuming the use of steel screws with 8.8 resistance class and a good fixing panel surface according to the requirements mentioned therein.

Series	Number	Screw size	Recommended torque		Flange sealing element
	of screws		(Nm)	(lb.in)	
CK/MK, CKX, CKA/MKA, CQ	2	M3	0,8 - 1,0	7,1 – 8,9	Gasket
MIXO ONE	4	M3	0,5 - 0,9	4,4 - 8,0	Gasket
CZI 15 /25	4	M3	0,8 - 1,0	7,1 – 8,9	Gasket
CHI 50	4	M4	1,2 – 1,8	10,6 - 15,9	Gasket
CHI 06 /10 /16 /24	4	M4	0,8 - 1,2	7,1 – 10,6	Gasket
CHI 32	4	M4	1,2 – 1,8	10,6 – 15,9	Gasket
CHI 48	4	M6	3,0 – 3,6	26,6 - 31,9	Gasket
CGK/MGK (IP68)	2	M4	0,8 - 1,2	7,1 – 10,6	O-ring
CGI/ MGI 06/ 10/ 16/ 24 (IP68)	2	M6	3,0 – 3,6	26,6 - 31,9	O-ring
T-TYPE, T-TYPE/H, T-TYPE/C, T-TYPE/ W	4	M4	0,8 - 1,2	7,1 – 10,6	Gasket

To guarantee the declared IP degree of protection of the housings reported in this catalogue, according to EN IEC 60529 or to the relevant Type rating per ANSI/UL 50 and 50E (for those products bearing approval to those ratings), the surface of the mounting panel must meet the following requirements (definitions are provided in ISO 4287 standard):

- Waviness Wt ≤ 0,2 mm over a distance of 200 mm (measured on the panel without load)
- Roughness Ra ≤ 16 μm

NOTE: The values of tightening torque indicated in the above table are just recommended values, that must be related – by the designer of the final application – to the resistance class of the screws (not included in the delivery), with the assumption that the mounting panel is sufficiently rigid (stiff). If the deflection of the panel, under the effect of tightening the screws, is greater than 0,7 mm over a distance of 100 mm, it is necessary to use the counter-flanges mentioned in our catalogue or the special flange gaskets available upon request (please contact our Sales Department). For the CGI/MGI IP68 enclosures the specific counter-flanges mentioned in our catalogue are always recommended.

Enclosures locking screws

Series	Number	Screw size	Recommended tightening torque		Recommended size
	of screws		(Nm)	(lb.in)	of screwdriver
CGK/MGK	2	M4	1,2	10,6	1,0 x 5,5 or 7 mm hexagonal key
CG/MG	2	M6	2,5	22,1	1,6 x 10 or 10 mm hexagonal key

RANGE OF CONDUCTOR CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA AND STRIPPING LENGTH

Connector inserts connection technique	Range of cross-sec	Stripping length	
Screw	(mm²)	AWG	(mm)
CK	0,75 – 2,5	18 – 14	6
CX 4/2, CX 4/8 (poles 16A) 1)	0,75 – 4	18 – 12	7
CA 4/2, CA 4/6 (poles ToA) 17	0,75 – 2,5	18 – 14	7
CNE 1)	0,5 – 4	20 – 12	7
CNEX	0,25 – 2,5	24 – 14	7
CDA 1)	0,5 – 4	20 – 12	7
CDAX	0,25 – 2,5	24 – 14	7
CT 0624	0,75 – 2,5	18 – 14	12
CT 40 and 64	0,75 – 2,5	18 – 14	12
CME 1)	0,5 – 4	20 – 12	7
CMEX	0,5 – 2,5	20 – 14	7
CP ¹⁾	0,75 – 6	18 – 10	10,5
CX 4/ (80A poles)	4 – 16	12 – 5	14
Crimp			
MIXO (5A), CX 25 IB	0,08 - 0,75	28 – 18	4
CQ 21	0,08 – 0,5	28 – 20	4
CDD, CD, MIXO (10A), CQ 12, CQ 07	0,14 – [2,5]*	26 – 14	8 – *[6 for 2,5 mm ²]
CCE, CDC, CMCE, CQ, CQE, CQEE, MIXO (16A)	0,14 – 4	26 – 12	7,5
CV MIVO (40A) CO4 03	1,5 – 2,5	16 – 14	9
CX, MIXO (40A), CQ4 03	4 – 6	12 – 10	9.6
MIXO (70A)	10 – 25	7 – 4	15
MIXO (100A), CX 6/6	10 – 35	7 - 2	15
MIXO (200A)	16 – 70	6 - 2/0	15
Spring			
CSE, CSH, CTSE 0624, CMSH, MIXO [CX 05 S 2), CX 05 SH], CSS	0,14 - 2,5	26 – 14	9 - 11
CTS 40/64	0,14 – 2,5 unprepared 0,14 – 1 prepared	26 – 14 unprepared 26 – 18 prepared	9 - 11
CKS, CKSH, CDS, CDSH, CSAH	0,14 – 2,5 unprepared 0,14 – 1,5 prepared	26 – 14 unprepared 26 – 16 prepared	9 - 11

¹⁾ For CNE, CDA, CP, CME, "CX 4/8 – pole 16A" series connectors with screw terminal and conductor protection plate, the use of ferrules is not necessary (= unprepared conductor).

The use of ferrules (= prepared conductor) causes a reduction in maximum useful cross-section to the lower size (e.g. 4 mm² unprepared - 2,5 mm² prepared).

²⁾ Available upon request.

LOAD CURVES

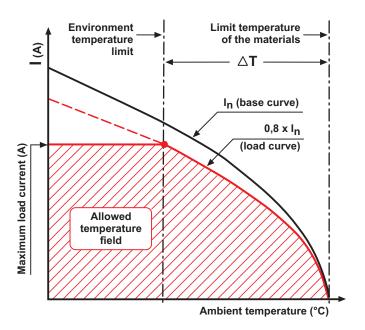
The permitted current carrying capacity for connectors is variable: it becomes lower with the increase of the number of poles and of the ambient temperature in which the connector is installed and it depends upon the thermal properties of the material used for the contacts and the insulating parts including those of the type of conductor used. The current carrying capacity is obtained from the load curves which are constructed according to standard IEC 60512-5-2 for currents circulating simultaneously in all poles.

The limit current curves express current values that determine the achievement of the upper limit temperature of the materials. The choice of the permanent load applicable on the contacts **must be made within the field of operation possible delimited by the above mentioned curves.**

Since use of connectors at the limit values of their characteristics is not recommended, the **base curve** is de-rated. The reduction of the load currents to 80% defines the correction curve where both the maximum permissible contact resistances and the inaccuracy of the temperature measurements are sufficiently taken into consideration.

The correction curve represents the final **limit current curve (load curve)** as defined by standard IEC 60512-5-2. It therefore bears in consideration the differences between the various connector inserts, as well as errors in the temperature measurements.

All the load curves presented in this catalogue include the correction. See figure below.



Legend

Maximum load current (A)

Value for which the connector reaches the upper limit temperature of the material at the corresponding ambient temperature intersected on the load curve.

Limit temperature of the materials

Value determined by the characteristics of the material used. The sum of the environmental temperature and the increase of the ΔT (temperature rise) caused by the current flow must not exceed the limit temperature of the materials.

Environment temperature limit

The environmental conditions must not exceed this value. It may be known and determines the maximum load current, or it may be directly obtained from the load curve.

Base curve

Set of current and temperature values obtained from laboratory tests and influenced by the connector's characteristics (number of poles, construction shape, thermal conductivity of the materials, etc.) and the cross-section of the conductor used.

Load curve (limit current curve)

Obtained from the base curve via the safety coefficient.

ΔT (temperature rise)

Temperature rise produced by a permanent current circulating through all the poles of a connector coupling; difference between the upper limit temperature of the material and the ambient temperature obtained on the limit current curve.