


ERGONOMIC CONNECTIONS PRODUCT SOLUTION GUIDE

TE Connectivity's (TE) ergonomic design innovations are helping manufacturers across a variety of industries take a more holistic approach to assembly line worker safety, while also improving their manufacturing efficiency. Our portfolio of ergonomic signal connectors, power connectors, receptacle terminals, and terminal housings are designed to address some of the most pressing manufacturing challenges, including operator injuries, process inefficiencies, and systemic product quality issues.

Explore this product solution guide to understand how our products address these challenges and to find the right ergonomic solution for your application.

ERGONOMIC CONNECTOR SOLUTIONS FOR COMMON MANUFACTURING CHALLENGES

| CHALLENGES | SOLUTIONS |
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| Operator Injury and Fatigue: Repetitive difficult assembly motions, including high force or pinch grip steps may lead to lost work hours or muscular skeletal disorders (MSDs). | <div>  Reduce terminal insertion force or connector mating force </div> <div>  Include larger handling surfaces to replace pinch grip mating with easier thumb or palm press </div> <div>  Housing materials with rounded edges to help reduce risk of skin damage </div> |
| High Process Cycle Time: Production fails to meet target takt time due to difficult, unclear, or too many assembly steps. | <div>  Reduce terminal insertion force or connector mating force </div> <div>  Use multi-position connectors to replace many single position mating steps </div> <div>  Use pre-insulated terminals to skip terminal insertion steps </div> <div>  Simplify assembly steps with error-resistant (poka-yoke) features like color coding, keying, polarization, and mating confirmation </div> |
| Partially Mated Connections: Fatigued operators are unable to lock terminals or housings into place, resulting in finished product quality issues. | <div>  Include audible, tactile, or visual mating confirmation to help ensure complete mating </div> <div>  Use terminal position assurance (TPA) devices to help ensure terminals are fully seated and cannot backout </div> <div>  Reduce terminal insertion force or connector mating force </div> |
| Mis-mated Connections: Systems with multiple similar connections or connections with multiple possible orientations fail quality checks due to incorrectly assembled components. | <div>  Simplify assembly steps with error-resistant (poka-yoke) features like color coding, keying, and polarization </div> <div>  Use multi-position connectors to replace many single position mating steps </div> |
| Components Damaged During Assembly: Components featuring exposed latches or pins are damaged from wire entanglement or contact stubbing | <div>  Design cavities with lead-in or blind mate features to help prevent contact stubbing </div> <div>  Use lance-less terminals and connectors with anti-snag latches to help prevent wire entanglement damage </div> |

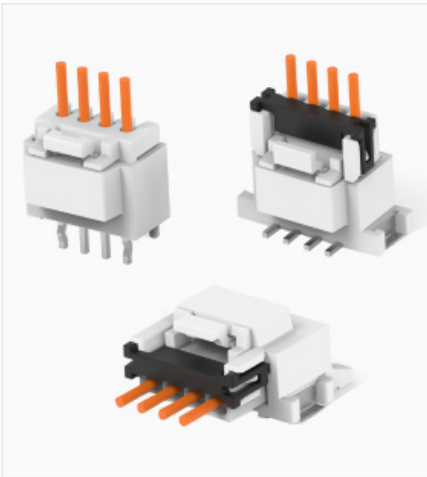

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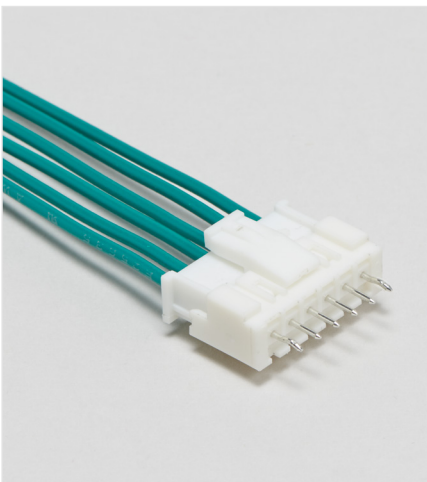

This product guide features ergonomic connectivity solutions that cover a range of application requirements, including high power systems, high operating temperatures, and harsh environments. Specifically, you will learn more about these ergonomic products:

| SIGNAL CONNECTORS | POWER CONNECTORS | RECEPTACLE TERMINALS | TERMINAL HOUSINGS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Signal GRACE INERTIA ConnectorsEconomy Power 2.5 Connectors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Power Key ConnectorsPower Versa-Lock ConnectorsPOWER TRIPLE LOCK Connectors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Positive Lock Mark II and X-LIF TerminalsStandard FASTON TerminalsUltra-Fast Pre-Insulated TerminalsUltra-Pod Pre-Insulated Terminals | <ul style="list-style-type: none">T9A Relay HousingsInfinite Switch HousingsRadiant Burner Housings |

CONNECTORS

Signal Connectors

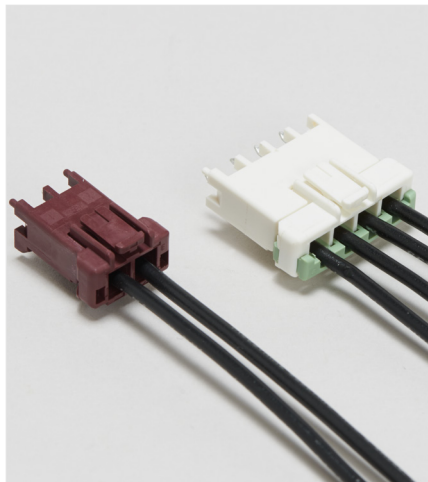
|  | 2.0MM SIGNAL GRACE INERTIA CONNECTORS | |
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| | Product Specifications | Ergonomic Features |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pitch: 2.0mmCurrent Rating: 2.5AVoltage Rating: 50VFlammability Rating: UL 94 V-0Wire Size: 28-18AWGPositions: 2-20Wire-to-board | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Inertia locking mechanismColor, keying, and polarizationAudible mating confirmationLead-in mating featuresAnti-snag latchEasy-grip rounded edges |
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|  | ECONOMY POWER 2.5 CONNECTORS | |
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| | Product Specifications | Ergonomic Features |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pitch: 2.5mmCurrent Rating: 4.2AVoltage Rating: 250VFlammability Rating: UL 94 V-0, IEC 60335-1 GWT*Wire Size: 26-20AWGPositions: 2-40Wire-to-wire, wire-to-board | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Low mating forcePolarized terminalsMultiple color optionsAudible and visual mating confirmationLead-in mating featuresEasy-grip terminal position assurance (TPA) |
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* GWT refers to glow wire testing. For more information on glow wire testing please review the white paper [Glow Wire Testing for the Appliance Industry](#) or visit the [Glow Wire Capable Connectors product page](#).

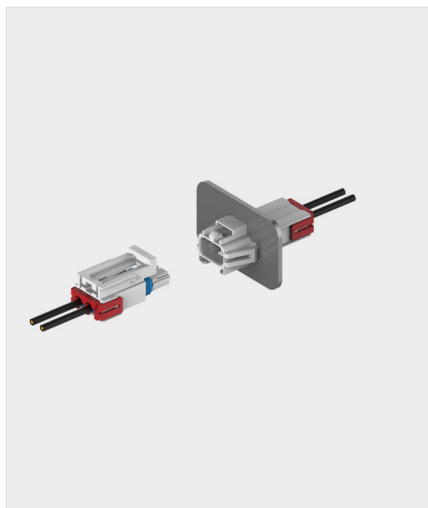
CONNECTORS

Power Connectors










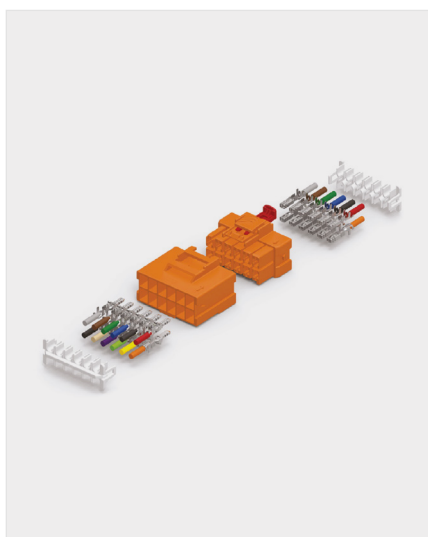
POWER KEY CONNECTORS

| Product Specifications | Ergonomic Features |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch: 5mm Current Rating: 10A Voltage Rating: 300V Flammability Rating: UL 94 V-0, IEC 60335-1 GWT* Wire Size: 24-16AWG Positions: 2-4,6 Wire-to-board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audible and visual mating confirmation Anti-snag latch Keying and polarization Lead-in mating features Easy handling features on housings and terminal position assurance (TPA) |
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POWER VERSA-LOCK CONNECTORS

| Product Specifications | Ergonomic Features |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch: 5mm Current Rating: 15A Voltage Rating: 600V Flammability Rating: UL 94 V-0, IEC 60335-1 GWT* Wire Size: 26-14AWG Positions: 1-4,6,9 Wire-to-wire, wire-to-panel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Color, keying, and polarization Audible and visual mating confirmation Easy handling features on housings and terminal position assurance (TPA) Lead-in mating features Anti-snag latch with easy-press thumb pad |
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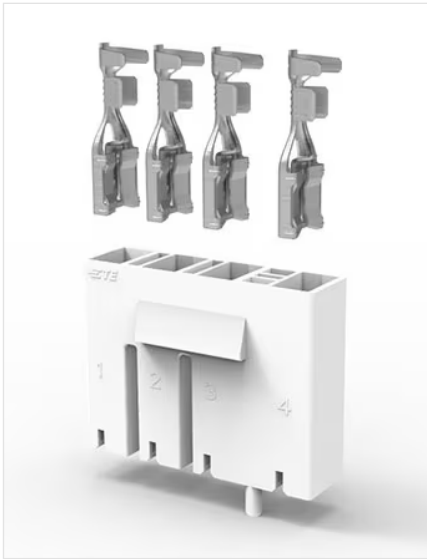
POWER TRIPLE LOCK CONNECTORS





| Product Specifications | Ergonomic Features |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch: 6mm Current Rating: 20A Voltage Rating: 600V Flammability Rating: UL 94 V-0, IEC 60335-1 GWT* Wire Size: 20-12AWG Positions: 2-15 Wire-to-wire, wire-to-board, wire-to-panel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low mating force Color, keying, and polarization Audible and visual mating confirmation Easy handling features on housings, terminal position assurance (TPA), and connector position assurance (CPA) Anti-snag latch with easy-press thumb pad |
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TERMINALS & SPLICES

Receptacles







| POSITIVE LOCK MARK II AND X-LIF TERMINALS | |
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| Product Specifications | Key Ergonomic Features |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tab Width (in.): .187, .250• Tab Thickness (in.): .020, .032• Wire Size: 24-10AWG• Max Current: 24A• Agency Approvals: UL, VDE, CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low insertion force (LIF) with high locked retention force• Unlocking feature allows easy tab separation• Poka-yoke with multi-position housings designed to application specific components• Audible and tactile mating confirmation• Polarized terminal insertion in housing |
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| STANDARD FASTON TERMINALS | |
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| Product Specifications | Key Ergonomic Features |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tab Width (in.): .187, .250• Tab Thickness (in.): .020, .032• Wire Size: 24-12AWG• Max Current: 20A• Agency Approvals: UL, VDE, CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low insertion force (LIF) with high retention force• Poka-yoke with multi-position housings designed to application specific components• Tactile mating confirmation• Polarized terminal insertion in housing• Lead-in mating features |
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| ULTRA-FAST PRE-INSULATED TERMINALS | |
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| Product Specifications | Key Ergonomic Features |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tab Width (in.): .110, .125, .187, .205, .250• Tab Thickness (in.): .016-.032• Wire Size: 26-10AWG• Max Current: 24A• Agency Approvals: UL, CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-assembled terminal in housing• Hourglass shape offers easy-grip assembly• Color coded insulation by wire size range• Multiple orientations available• User-friendly flexible insulation |
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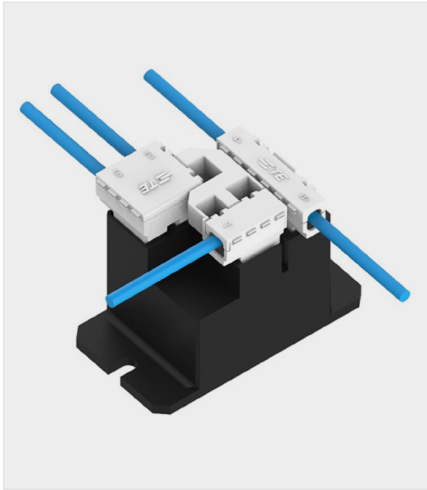
TERMINALS & SPLICES

Receptacles



| ULTRA-POD PRE-INSULATED TERMINALS | |
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| Product Specifications | Key Ergonomic Features |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tab Width (in.): .110, .187, .250• Tab Thickness (in.): .020, .032• Wire Size: 22-10AWG• Max Current: 24A• Agency Approvals: UL, CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available with low insertion force (LIF)• Applicator inserted terminal in housing• Multiple orientations available• Lead-in mating features• Easy-grip terminal housing |
| <div><div>LIF</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | |

Housings



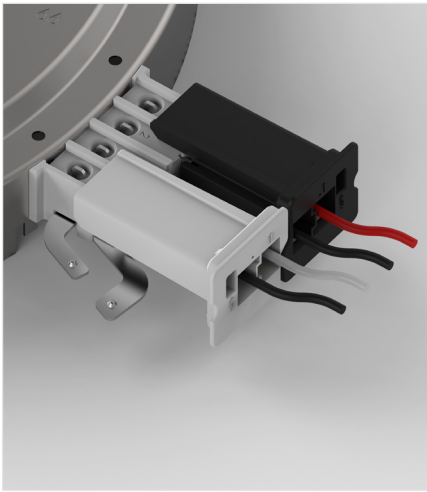
| T9A RELAY HOUSINGS WITH FASTON TERMINALS | |
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| Product Specifications | Key Ergonomic Features |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tab Width (in.): .250• Tab Thickness (in.): .032• Wire Size: 20-14AWG• Max Voltage: 250V• Agency Approvals: UL | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compatible with FASTON and Positive Lock low insertion force (LIF) terminals• Easy handling features and large push surfaces• Lead-in mating features• Multi-position housing |
| <div><div>LIF</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | |



| INFINITE SWITCH HOUSINGS | |
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| Product Specifications | Key Ergonomic Features |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tab Width (in.): .187, .250• Tab Thickness (in.): .032• Wire Size: 22-10AWG• Max Voltage: 250V• Agency Approvals: UL, CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compatible with FASTON and Positive Lock low insertion force (LIF) terminals• Easy handling features and large push surfaces• Lead-in mating features• Multi-position housing |
| <div><div>LIF</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | |

TERMINALS & SPLICES

Housings



| RADIANT BURNER HOUSINGS | |
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| Product Specifications | Key Ergonomic Features |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tab Width (in.): .250• Tab Thickness (in.): .032• Wire Size: 22-10AWG• Max Voltage: 600V• Max Operating Temp: 240°C• Agency Approvals: UL | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy handling features and large push surfaces• Compatible with high temperature Positive Lock low insertion force (LIF) terminals• Lead-in mating features• Multi-position housing• Color and polarization |
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FIND YOUR ERGONOMIC SOLUTION WITH TE CONNECTIVITY

TE Connectivity is committed to providing ergonomic solutions to our manufacturing partners. We understand how connector design impacts safe and efficient assembly, across a broad range of industries and manufacturing environments, and are ready deliver an ergonomic product that meets your application requirements.

Contact our team to learn how TE’s portfolio of low insertion force (LIF), easy handling and error-resistant products can help improve your assembly process.

Connect With Us

We make it easy to connect with our experts and are ready to provide all the support you need. Visit te.com/support to chat with a Product Information Specialist.

Learn more about the ergonomic design process and how TE can help you realize your production potential!

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