

## Connectors

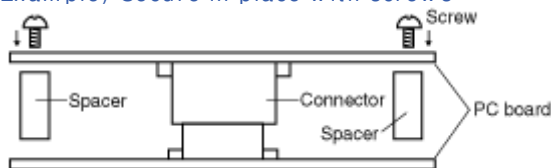
### Technical info - Notes for using SMD type connectors (Common) -

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#### Regarding the design of devices and PC board patterns

- 1) When connecting several connectors together by stacking, make sure to maintain proper accuracy in the design of structure and mounting equipment so that the connectors are not subjected to twisting and torsional forces.
- 2) With mounting equipment, there may be up to a  $\pm 0.2$  to 0.3-mm error in positioning. Be sure to design PC boards and patterns while taking into consideration the performance and abilities of the required equipment.
- 3) Some connectors have tabs embossed on the body to aid in positioning. When using these connectors, make sure that the PC board is designed with positioning holes to match these tabs.
- 4) To ensure the required mechanical strength when soldering the connector terminals, make sure the PC board meets recommended PC board pattern design dimensions given.
- 5) For all connectors of the narrow-pitch series, to prevent the PC board from coming off during vibrations or impacts, and to prevent loads from falling directly on the soldered portions, be sure to design some means to fix the PC board in place.

Example) Secure in place with screws



When connecting PC boards, take appropriate measures to prevent the connector from coming off.

6) Notes when using a FPC.

(1) When the connector is soldered to an FPC board, during its insertion and removal procedures, forces may be applied to the terminals and cause the soldering to come off. It is recommended to use a reinforcement board (dimensions bigger than outer limits of the recommended PC board pattern drawings; determine the required thickness through experimentation) on the backside of the FPC board to which the connector is being connected.

(2) Collisions, impacts, or turning of FPC boards, may apply forces on the connector and cause it to come loose. Therefore, make to design retaining plates or screws that will fix the connector in place.

7) The narrow-pitch connector series is designed to be compact and thin. Although ease of handling has been taken into account, take care when mating the connectors, as displacement or angled mating could damage or deform the connector.

#### Regarding the selection of the connector placement machine and the mounting procedures

- 1) Select the placement machine taking into consideration the connector height, required positioning accuracy, and packaging conditions.
- 2) Be aware that if the catching force of the placement machine is too great, it may deform the shape of the connector body or connector terminals.
- 3) Be aware that during mounting, external forces may be applied to the connector contact surfaces and terminals and cause deformations.

- 4) Depending on the size of the connector being used, self alignment may not be possible. In such cases, be sure to carefully position the terminal with the PC board pattern.
- 5) The positioning bosses give an approximate alignment for positioning on the PC board. For accurate positioning of the connector when mounting it to the PC board, we recommend using an automatic positioning machine.

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## Regarding soldering

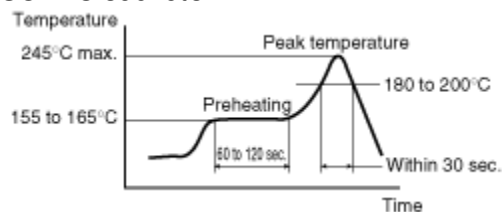
### 1. Reflow soldering

- 1) Measure the recommended profile temperature for reflow soldering by placing a sensor on the PC board near the connector surface or terminals. (The setting for the sensor will differ depending on the sensor used, so be sure to carefully read the instructions that comes with it.)
- 2) As for cream solder printing, screen printing is recommended.
- 3) See the specifications and drawings for the product in question for the metal mask pattern diagrams.
- 4) When mounting on both sides of the PC board and the connector is mounting on the underside, use adhesives or other means to ensure the connector is properly fixed to the PC board. (Double reflow soldering on the same side is possible.)
- 5) N<sub>2</sub> reflow, conducting reflow soldering in a nitrogen atmosphere, increases the solder flow too greatly, enabling wicking to occur. Make sure that the solder feed rate and temperature profile are appropriate.

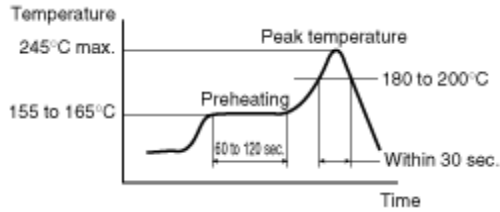
### Soldering conditions

Please use the reflow temperature profile conditions recommended below for reflow soldering. Please contact us before using a temperature profile other than that described below (e.g. lead-free solder).

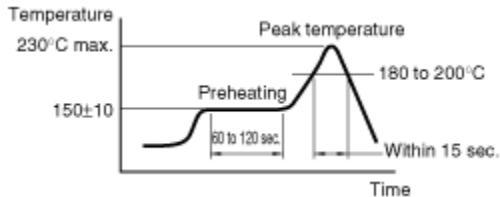
- ▶ Narrow-pitch connector for all series
- ▶ USB connectors
- ▶ IEEE1394 connectors
- ▶ Connector for SIM card
- ▶ RF (Coaxial) connectors
- ▶ SOP IC sockets



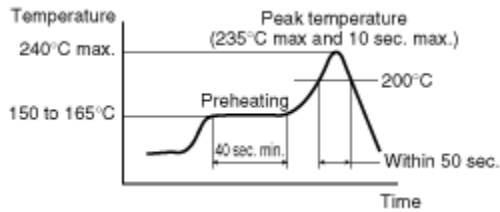
- ▶ Socket for SD memory card



▶ BB sockets



▶ Pin connector



- 6) The temperatures are measured at the surface of the PC board near the connector terminals.
- 7) The temperature profiles given in this catalog are values measured when using the connector on a resin-based PC board. When performed reflow soldering on a metal board (iron, aluminum, etc.) or a metal table to mount on a FPC, make sure there is no deformation or discoloration of the connector beforehand and then begin mounting.

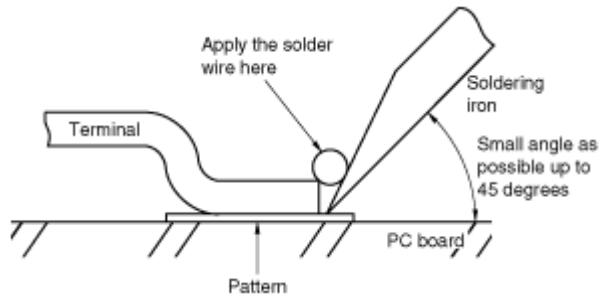
## 2. Hand soldering

- 1) Set the soldering iron so that the tip temperature is less than that given in the table below.

Table A

Product name	Soldering iron temperature
SMD type connectors	300°C within 5 sec.
	300°C within 3 sec.

- 2) Do not allow flux to spread onto the connector leads or PC board. This may lead to flux rising up to the connector inside.
- 3) Touch the soldering iron to the foot pattern. After the foot pattern and connector terminal are heated, apply the solder wire so it melts at the end of the connector terminals.



- 4) Be aware that soldering while applying a load on the connector terminals may cause improper operation of the connector.
- 5) Thoroughly clean the soldering iron.
- 6) Flux from the solder wire may get on the contact surfaces during soldering operations. After soldering, carefully check the contact surfaces and clean off any solder before use.
- 7) For soldering of prototype devices during product development, you can perform soldering at the necessary locations by heating with a hot-air gun by applying cream solder to the foot pattern beforehand. However, at this time, make sure that the air pressure does not move connectors by carefully holding them down with tweezers or other similar tool. Also, be careful not to go too close to the connectors and melt any of the molded components.

Example:

Inflidge Industrial, Ltd.  
 Super Air Heater  
 Digital temperature controller  
 Air heater with internal temperature sensor

### 3. Solder reworking

- 1) Finish reworking in one operation.
- 2) For reworking of the solder bridge, use a soldering iron with a flat tip. To prevent flux from climbing up to the contact surfaces, do not add more flux.
- 3) Keep the soldering iron tip temperature below the temperature given in Table A

### Cleaning flux from PC board

- 1) To increase the cleanliness of the cleaning fluid and cleaning operations, prepare equipment for a cleaning process that begins with boil cleaning, ultrasonic cleaning, and then to vapor cleaning.
- 2) Carefully oversee the cleanliness of the cleaning fluids to make sure that the contact surfaces do not become dirty from the cleaning fluid itself.
- 3) Since some powerful cleaning may dissolve molded components of the connector and wipe off printed letters, we recommend semi-aqueous electronic parts cleaners. Consult us if you wish other types of cleaning fluids.

### Handling Single Components

- 1) Make sure not to drop or allow parts to fall from work bench.
- 2) Excessive force applied to the terminals could cause them to warp, come out, or weaken the adhesive strength of the solder. Handle with care.
- 3) Repeated bending of the terminals may break them.

### Other Notes

- 1) These products are made for the design of compact and lightweight devices and therefore the thickness of the molded components has been made very thin. Therefore, be careful during insertion and removal operations for excessive forces applied may damage the products.
- 2) Dropping of the products or rugged mishandling may bend or damage the terminals and even hinder proper reflow soldering.
- 3) Before soldering, try not to insert or remove the connector more than absolutely necessary. If necessary, be careful not to bend or damage any of the terminals. Also, applying external forces on the terminals will result in the loosening of the terminals from the molded portion of the connectors, eventually leading to improper operation.
- 4) When coating the PC board after soldering the connector to prevent the deterioration of insulation, perform the coating in such a way so that the coating does not get on the connector.
- 5) There may be variations in the colors of products from different production lots. This is normal.
- 6) The connectors are not meant to be used for switching.
- 7) Be sure not to allow external pressure to act on connectors when assembling PCBs or moving in block assemblies.

## Handling the PC board

Handling the PC board after mounting the connector  
When cutting or bending the PC board after mounting the connector, be careful that the soldered sections are subjected to excessive forces.

