

ETS ALLIANCE ELECTRONIC, THERMAL AND ELECTROMECHANICAL TECHNOLOGIES

# PRODUCTS CATALOG

Thermal Management and Electro Mechanical Solutions



ETC Alliance is a design and provider of electronic packaging solutions. We specialize in highly engineered solutions in a variety and broad range of industries and market segments.

With over 35 years of experience in electronic technology, ETC Alliance has built connections to a myriad of electronic high tech projects. From Military to customer, we work top provide the best solutions at the best value.

If you are working on integrating Power, Interconnect, or signal integrity, we can help with your design and fullfillment.

# Some of our areas of strength in providing solutions:

- Electronic hardware and packaging
- Cable Assemblies
- PCB and Flex Rigid Flex
- Card Guidnes (CTS ZIF technology)
- Precision Machining
- Custom Molding
- Stamped and Formed metal custom products
- Aerosmith and Tool design
- Bent metal enclosures
- RF cable high frequency connectors and cable assemblies
- Micro and Nano cable harness





# **ABOUT**ETS ALLIANCE

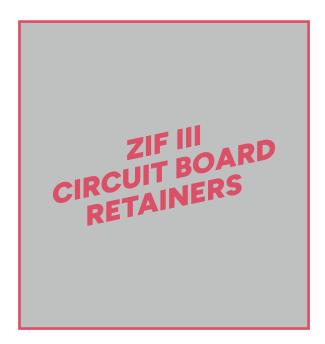
ETS Alliance was formed in 1999, as a bridge provider for engineering and prototype development. We determined that as a Manufacturer's Representative, many of our supplier were resource challenged and that often times our customers needed additional support to get their proof of design and development engineering moving forward.

For first articles, 3D proof of concept, prototype and production... the challenges is in the process to secure integrity of design. Many component suppliers have their resources tied up in manufacturing processes, and cannot afford to divert engineering resources to their customers. This is where ETS Alliance will step in and deliver the bridge engineering, and in many cases, the connection to our vast network of manufacturing partners.

### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

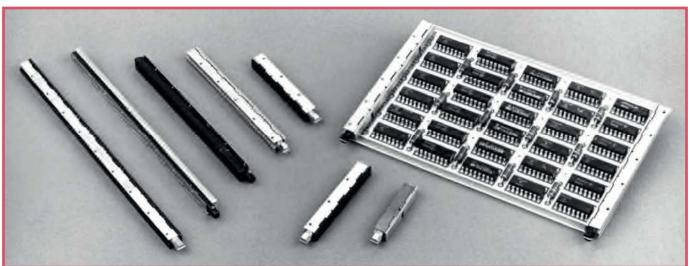
In addition, ETS Alliance is pleased to announce the recent licensing agreement that we have formed with CTS, to support their ZIF card guide product technology.





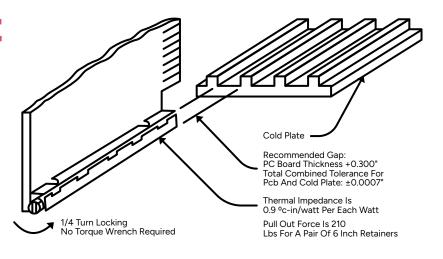
### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

ZIF III retainers are the latest in the state-of-theart PC board mountable retainers. Unlike other designs on the market, CTS's ZIF III features a quick, quarter-turn locking mechanism that provides for a postive and fast assembly. Its unique locking design produces a uniform pressure distribution along the PCB edge for the absolute best heat transfer and resistance to extreme shock and vibration. It will not warp your circuit boards unlike some others available in the market. If you have high density PC board mounting applications for military, space, medical, industrial controls, computers and communications, you need ZIF III Circuit Board Retainers.



## **DESIGN FEATURE**

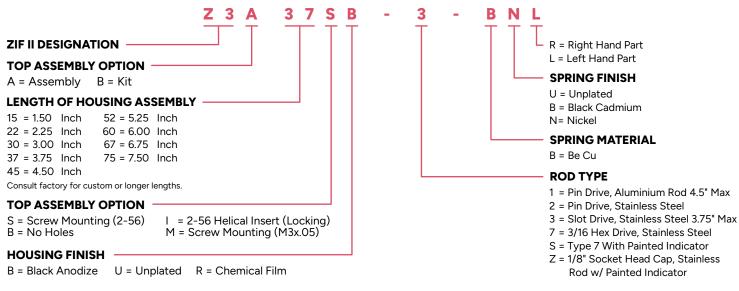
- Pc Board Mountable
- Positive 1/4 Turn Locking
- Field Maintainable
- Quick And Easy Installation
- Superior Mechanical Retentiion
- Thermally Efficient,
   0.9° c-inch/watt

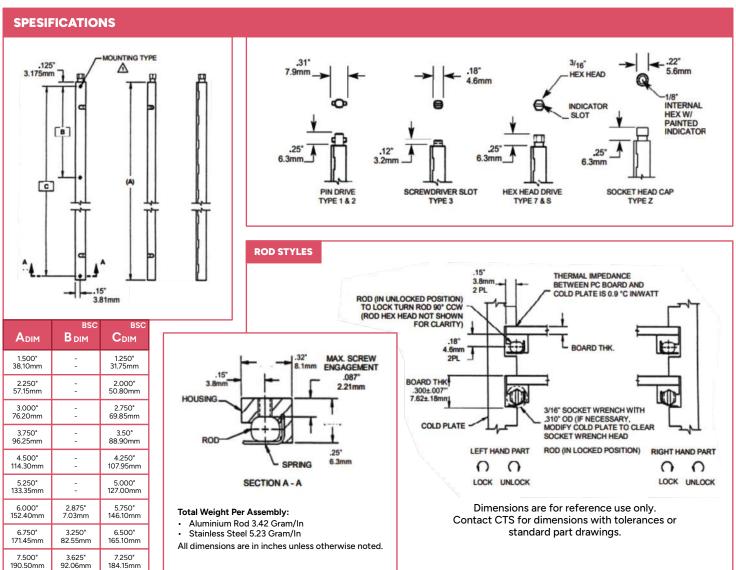


PC BOARD WITH ZIF III RETAINER



#### **ORDERING INFORMATIONS - ZIF III**







# STANDARD ZIF CIRCUIT BOARD RETAINERS



#### **DESIGN FEATURE**

- Quick locking action
- Uniform heat transfer
- Complete interchangeability
- Visual indication of lock/unlock

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE-CUSTOM DESIGN

Our engineering staff has extensive experience in the packaging of ZIF retainers. Modification of standard housings, cams & spring configurations for special design applications is frequently possible. We welcome the oppurtunity of providing you with the assistance needed to solve all of your thermal management problems.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

The ZIF cam detent design gives added assurance that a PCB will remain securely locked in position even under extreme vibration and shock levels. Detent action occurs during the final 15 degrees of cam rotation and virtually eliminates any possibility of the cam unclocking under environmental stress.

Improving the thermal conductivity of circuit board retainers enhances system performance by increasing the reliability of electronic components and circuit modules. Extensive testing of ZIF retainers in the CTS Engineering Test Laboratory demonstrates that they have the best thermal performance of any circuit board retainer available.

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

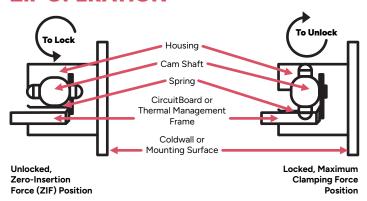
The ZIF retainer is a totally self-contained, precision assembly that provides a highly effective thermal interface betwen the circuit board and coldwall. Board lengths between 1-1/2" and 12" can be accommodated.

#### A ZIF retainer consists of:

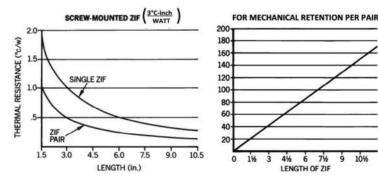
- (1) an aluminium housing
- (2) a rod/cam assembly constructed from an aluminium or stainless steel double flat rod extrusion. The ZIF rod assembly is driven by one of three options: pin, hex-head or screwdriver slot
- (3) a beryllium copper spring

ZIF retainers are mounted to any flat metal surface (coldwall). The standard configuration is attached with 4-40 hardware. However, the retainer housing can be supplied with tapped holes for M3x.5 metric hardware, or left undrilled with only index pins for vacuum brazing, dip brazing or epoxy bonding.

#### ZIF OPERATION

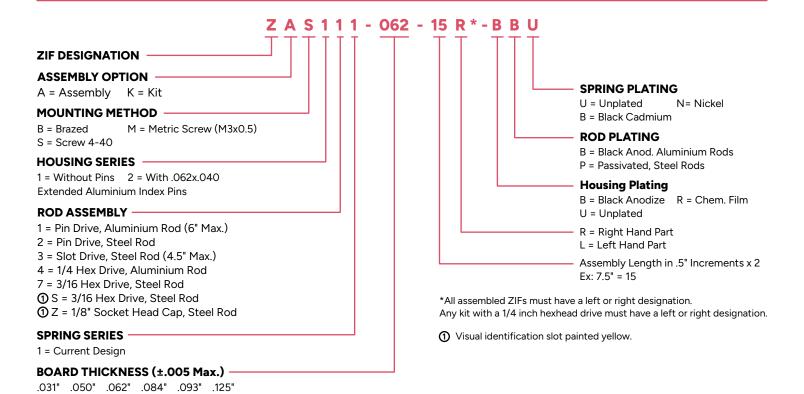


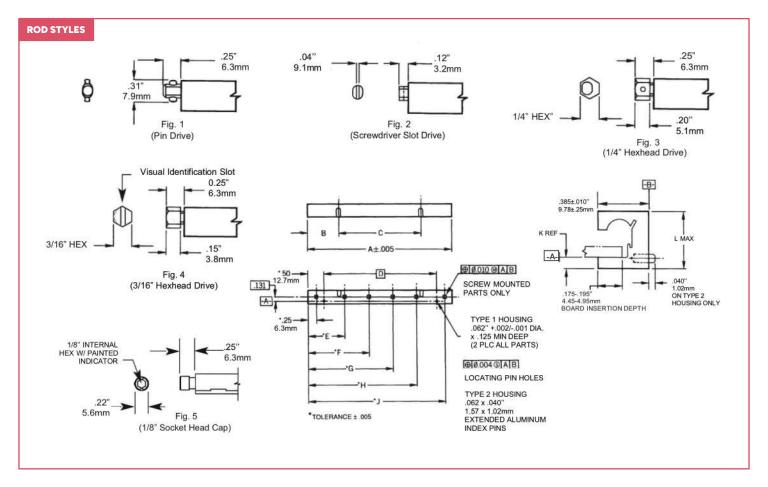
Clamping pressure is not only essential to heat transfer, but also a critical requirement for retention of PCBs under severe shock and vibration. ZIF retainers have beed subjected to the most extreme test conditions specified in ML-STD-810C. Nominal retention force for a circuit board held captive by a pair of ZIF retainers (I/O connector excluded) is show in the graph.





#### **ORDERING INFORMATIONS - STANDARD ZIF**







| ROD TYPE      |          |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| DESIG.        | FIG. NO. | MATERIAL          | MAX. SPRING LENGTH |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZRA 1         | 1        | aluminium         | 6 inches           |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZRA 2         | 1        | steel             | 10.5 inches        |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZRA 3         | 2        | steel             | 4.5 inches         |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZRA 4         | 3        | aluminium         | 10.5 inches        |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZRA 7         | 4        | steel             | 10.5 inches        |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>①</b> ZRAS | 4        | steel 10.5 inches |                    |  |  |  |  |  |

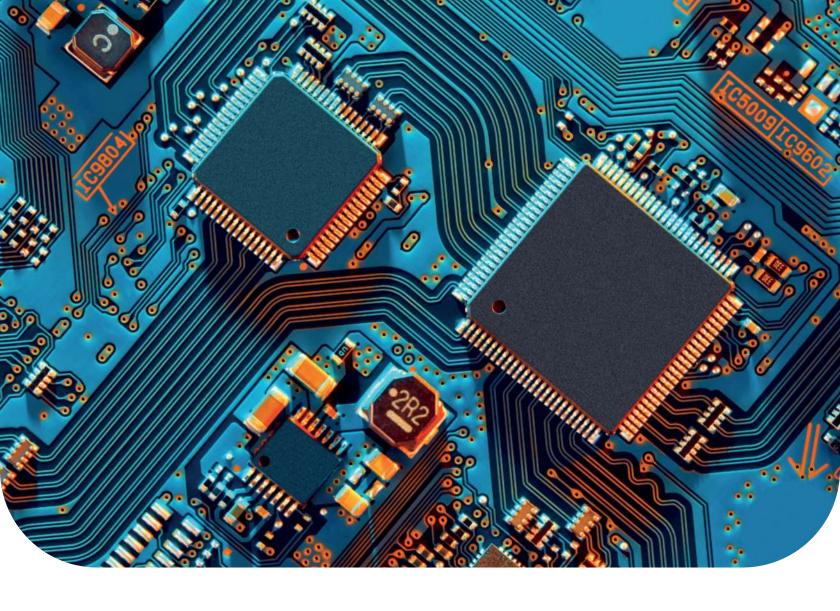
ZIF circuit board retainers are available in several standard configurations. When ordering standard ZIF assemblies, kits or individual components, please refer to the ZIF identification number guide shown above. Custom ZIF retainers will be assigned special part number identification.

| BOARD<br>THICK | K REF  | LMAX    |  |  |  |
|----------------|--------|---------|--|--|--|
| 0.31"          | 0.94"  | .400"   |  |  |  |
| .79mm          | 2.39mm | 10.16mm |  |  |  |
| .050"          | 0.75"  | .400"   |  |  |  |
| 1.27mm         | 1.90mm | 10.16mm |  |  |  |
| 0.62           | .063"  | .400"   |  |  |  |
| 1.57mm         | 1.60mm | 10.16mm |  |  |  |
| 0.84"          | 0.63"  | .422"   |  |  |  |
| 2.13mm         | 1.60mm | 10.72mm |  |  |  |
| 0.93"          | .079"  | .447"   |  |  |  |
| 2.36mm         | 2.01mm | 11.34mm |  |  |  |
| .125"          | .082"  | .478"   |  |  |  |
| 3.17mm         | 2.08mm | 12.11mm |  |  |  |

| ZIF HOUSING DIMENSIONS |                  |            |      |     |      |                     |      |      |      |       |            |
|------------------------|------------------|------------|------|-----|------|---------------------|------|------|------|-------|------------|
| LENGTH                 | SPRING<br>LENGTH | A<br>±.005 | В    | С   | D    | 4-40 MOUNTING HOLES |      |      |      |       | NO. OF     |
| DESIGNATION            |                  |            |      |     |      | E                   | F    | G    | Н    | J     | MNTG.HOLES |
| 03                     | 1.5              | 1.50       | .75  | -   | .50  | 1.25                | -    | -    | -    | -     | 2          |
| 04                     | 1.5              | 2.00       | 1.00 | -   | 1.00 | 1.75                | -    | -    | -    | -     | 2          |
| 05                     | 1.5              | 2.50       | 1.25 | -   | 1.50 | 2.25                | -    | -    | -    | -     | 2          |
| 06                     | 3                | 3.00       | .75  | 1.5 | 2.00 | 1.50                | 2.75 | -    | -    | -     | 3          |
| 07                     | 3                | 3.50       | 1.00 | 1.5 | 2.50 | 1.75                | 3.25 | -    | -    | -     | 3          |
| 08                     | 3                | 4.00       | 1.25 | 1.5 | 3.00 | 2.00                | 3.75 | -    | -    | -     | 3          |
| 09                     | 4.5              | 4.50       | 0.75 | 3.0 | 3.50 | 2.25                | 4.25 | -    | -    | -     | 3          |
| 10                     | 4.5              | 5.00       | 1.00 | 3.0 | 4.00 | 1.75                | 3.25 | 4.75 | -    | -     | 4          |
| 11                     | 4.5              | 5.50       | 1.25 | 3.0 | 4.50 | 2.00                | 3.50 | 5.25 | -    | -     | 4          |
| 12                     | 6                | 6.00       | 0.75 | 4.5 | 5.00 | 2.00                | 4.00 | 5.75 | -    | -     | 4          |
| 13                     | 6                | 6.50       | 1.00 | 4.5 | 5.50 | 2.25                | 4.25 | 6.25 | -    | -     | 4          |
| 14                     | 6                | 7.00       | 1.25 | 4.5 | 6.00 | 2.50                | 4.50 | 6.75 | -    | -     | 4          |
| 15                     | 7.5              | 7.50       | 2.25 | 3.0 | 6.50 | 2.00                | 3.75 | 5.50 | 7.25 | -     | 5          |
| 16                     | 7.5              | 8.00       | 2.50 | 3.0 | 7.00 | 2.00                | 4.00 | 6.00 | 7.25 | -     | 5          |
| 17                     | 7.5              | 8.50       | 2.75 | 3.0 | 7.50 | 2.25                | 4.25 | 6.25 | 8.25 | -     | 5          |
| 18                     | 9                | 9.00       | 3.75 | 1.5 | 8.00 | 2.50                | 4.50 | 6.50 | 8.75 | -     | 5          |
| 19                     | 9                | 9.50       | 4.00 | 1.5 | 8.50 | 2.00                | 3.75 | 5.75 | 7.50 | 9.25  | 6          |
| 20                     | 9                | 10.00      | 4.25 | 1.5 | 9.00 | 2.00                | 4.00 | 6.00 | 8.00 | 9.75  | 6          |
| 21                     | 10.5             | 10.00      | 5.25 | -   | 9.50 | 2.25                | 4.25 | 6.25 | 8.25 | 10.25 | 6          |

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