Average power contact resistance is less than 0.001 ohms
Average signal contact resistance is less than 0.005 ohms
RoHS compliant
For nearly two decades, Positronic has been a leading edge power connector manufacturer for PICMG technology-based applications such as AdvancedTCA®, CompactPCI®, MicroTCA®, and PICMG 3.8. Despite copycat products, Positronic continues to offer the broadest selection of power connectors for these applications. Visit www.connectpositronic.com for more details.

**AdvancedTCA®**
- Dedicated Zone 1 power interface for plug-in cards
- Closed entry female contacts for ruggedized applications
- Heavy gold contact options
- Available from stock at www.posishop.com

**Compact PCI®**
- P47 version for CompactPCI applications
- Features include AC/DC power input, power output at various voltages and signal controls
- Five package sizes available
- Closed entry female contacts for rugged applications
- Heavy gold plated contact options
- Widest variety of gender / termination combinations in the marketplace

**MicroTCA (µTCA)®**
- Compliant to MTCA.0, MTCA.1 & MTCA.3 specifications
- High reliability, precision machined contacts
- Low contact resistance
- Minimized height above printed circuit board
- Single and dual port configurations
- Power contacts carry 50 amps minimum at a 30°C temperature rise (prior to derating)

**PICMG 3.8**
- Compliant to PICMG 3.8 requirements
- Intended for power and system management use
- Blind mating capability
- 19.8 mm wide
Plug-in boards used in today’s computing platforms must provide higher reliability, greater functionality and require more power than ever before. Many next generation platforms deliver bulk voltage to boards. DC to DC converters are used to supply the various voltage requirements on the board. This allows systems to adapt as semiconductor voltages change.

The **VPB Series** was developed as a dedicated interface between backplanes and boards. The connector is capable of providing dual redundant power, system management and high voltage auxiliary circuits to each slot within the platform. The connector’s outstanding blind mating capability can be used to align the board during insertion. The **VPB Series** is compliant to PICMG 3.0, AdvancedTCA®, Zone 1 connector requirements.

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“SIZZLE FAULT”

A high resistance short between a front board’s overcurrent protection and the backplane’s overcurrent protection could allow high currents to be drawn through the Zone 1 Power Connector indefinitely. These currents could reach a value that is slightly less than the overcurrent protection for the entire backplane.

Zone 1 backplane connectors must survive sizzle fault conditions when tested per PICMG 3.0, R3.0, Section B.4.2.4.

- Conditions: IEC 60512-3, Test 10d
- The mated set of connectors (specimens) shall be comprised of a Front Board connector with right angle (90°) press-in terminations and a backplane connector having press-in terminations
- Standard atmospheric conditions
- Ambient temperature shall be 55 degrees C
- Contact positions 28 and 33 shall be energized at 10 amperes through a circuit path sized to simulate a standard PICMG 3.0 frontboard/backplane
- Contact positions 29 and 34 shall be energized at 50 amperes through a circuit path sized to simulate a standard PICMG 3.0 frontboard/backplane
- There shall be a one hour stabilization time after test set up
- Test time shall be four hours after one hour stabilization period
- After completion of test, connectors shall be immediately uncoupled
- Requirements after test conditioning:
  - Visual inspection of backplane connector shall show no defect that would impair normal operation
- After backplane connectors are allowed to cool to room ambient temperature the connectors shall be mated to fresh Front Board connectors that have right angle (90°) press-in terminations. The mated connector sets shall pass the test requirements of B.4.2.2; B.4.2.3; B.4.2.4; B.4.2.5; and B.4.3.2.

Positronic’s VPB series meets the requirements of this test!
Energy is essential to everyone. Often we do not give thought to where energy comes from or how much we consume until energy is not readily available.

Energy has become an area of focus for governments, private industry, and citizens. Enhanced methods of producing energy from traditional sources, development of new energy sources and conservation of energy from all sources have become more crucial than ever before.

Across the world, the electronic equipment that we all rely upon in our daily lives consumes a vast amount of energy. An unavoidable waste of energy occurs when power is distributed throughout electronic equipment. As electrical current flows through conductors and connectors, unwanted heat is generated in proportion to the amount of electrical resistance encountered.

Lowering resistance in connector contacts and conductors will reduce the amount of heat generated, and result in less wasted energy. Additional energy will be saved, as cooling systems will have less heat to draw out of the equipment.

In the past, the primary metric for power connectors has been contact current ratings. In the future, contact resistance may become equally important. While it is true that contact resistance and contact current ratings are closely associated, contact current ratings cannot be used to quantify the energy consumed by contacts.

Current ratings are based on the temperature rise of a connector or contact at a specific current level. A connector design or test method allowing relatively rapid heat dissipation may yield a reasonable temperature rise, while a relatively high amount of energy is still being wasted.

Within the connector industry, there are a variety of test methods used to quantify a particular performance metric. Different test methods can yield different values for the same metric. This lack of uniformity can be confusing to connector users who are trying to compare connectors offered by various manufacturers. Third party assessment can give connector users a common point of reference when making connector choices.

Assessors use contact resistance as the metric to determine the relative efficiency of connector contacts. These assessments verify the claims made by manufacturers.

Once the assessment is made, the assessor issues a statement that will aid power connector users in evaluating contact efficiency as it relates to energy consumption. As an example, the Positronic VPB series size 16-power contacts recently underwent evaluation. The contact resistance was found to be less than one milliohm each. This low contact resistance is achieved by use of high conductivity contact materials. In addition, Positronic’s Large Surface Area (LSA) contact system is utilized as the interface between male and female power contacts in VPB series connectors.

The VPB series was designed for use as the Zone 1 power connector in AdvancedTCA (ATCA) telecommunication computing systems. Zone 1 connectors provide power from backplanes to front boards in ATCA chassis. The low contact resistance of Positronic’s VPB series provides energy savings opportunities in any application using this connector.

The following formula verifies the energy savings of a lower resistance contact at a given current: $\text{Power Consumption (Watts)} = \text{Current Flow}^2 \times \text{Contact Resistance (Ohms)}$. Contact resistance has a one-to-one effect on power consumption. If, the contact resistance is reduced by half, the power consumption is reduced by half.

Low resistance power contacts also provide benefits in systems sensitive to voltage drop. This is demonstrated in the following formula: $\text{Voltage drop across contact pairs} = \text{Current Flow} \times \text{Contact Resistance (Ohms)}$. Once again, contact resistance has a one-to-one effect. Reducing the contact resistance by half reduces voltage drop by half.

Higher energy costs and government legislation will cause energy conservation efforts to continue to intensify. If we consider the vast numbers of power contacts in electronic equipment around the world, it is clear how lower contact resistance can play a role in meeting energy conservation goals. Positronic utilizes high conductivity contact materials and unique contact interfaces to provide low contact resistance in our power connector products. To learn more about these products, visit connectpositronic.com.
MATERIALS AND FINISHES:

Connector Insert: Glass-filled polyester, UL 94V-0, blue color.
Contacts: Precision-machined copper alloy with gold flash over nickel plate. Other finishes available upon request. Size 22 female precision-stamped and formed press-fit contacts are available, contact Technical Sales.

MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Blind Mating System: Male and female connector bodies provide “lead-in” for 2.0 mm [0.078 inch] diametral misalignment.
Polarization: Provided by connector body design.
Fixed Contacts: Printed board mount terminations, both straight and right angle (90°). Size 16 female contacts feature “Closed Entry” design. Size 22 female contacts feature rugged open entry design. “PosiBand” closed entry contacts are optional.
Fixed Contact Retention in Connector Body:
- Size 16 Contacts: 31 N [7 lbs.]
- Size 22 Contacts: 25 N [5 lbs.]
Sequential Contact Matting System: First mate contacts 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Second mate contact 33. Third mate contact 34. Contacts 1-24 mate before 27 and 32. Last mate contacts 27 and 32.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Contact Current Ratings, per UL 1977:
- Size 16 Power Contacts: 30 amperes continuous, all contacts under load.
- Size 22 Signal Contacts: 2 amperes nominal rating.
Current Overload Test: Tested per PICMG 3.0, R3.0 Section B.4.2.4, see page 4 for more information.
Initial Contact Resistance: Average resistance is less than 0.001 ohms. Tested per IEC 60512-2, Test 2a.
- Compliance to PICMG 3.0, R3.0 requirements of 0.0022 ohms maximum. Tested per IEC 60512-2, Test 2b.
- Size 22 Contacts: Average resistance is less than 0.005 ohms. Tested per IEC 60512-2, Test 2a.
- Compliance to PICMG 3.0, R3.0 requirements of 0.0085 ohms maximum. Tested per IEC 60512-2, Test 2a.
Insulation Resistance: 5 G ohms per IEC 60512-2, Test 3a.
Voltage Proof:
- Contacts 1-16: 1,000 V r.m.s.
- Contacts 17-34: 2,000 V r.m.s.
Creepage and Clearance Distance; minimum:
- Contact positions 1-16 to any other contact within this group: 0.7mm [0.028 inch]
- Contact positions 17-24 to any other contact within this group: 2.5mm [0.098 inch]
- Contact positions 25-34 to any other contact within this group: 1.4mm [0.055 inch]
- Contact positions 13-16 to 17-20: 3.0mm [0.118 inch]
- Contact positions 21-24 to 25, 26: 4.0mm [0.157 inch]
- Contact positions 25, 26 to 27-29: 2.0mm [0.079 inch]

CLIMATIC CHARACTERISTICS:

Working Temperature:
- -55°C to +125°C.

UL and C.N.R. Recognized
File #E49351

MATING DIMENSIONS

Right Angle (90°) Board Mount Male to Straight Board Mount Female (FULLY MATED)

Dimensions are in millimeters [inches]. All dimensions are subject to change.
MALE CONNECTOR WITH RIGHT ANGLE (90°) COMPLIANT PRESS-FIT
PRINTED BOARD MOUNT TERMINATIONS
CODE 62

Typical Part Numbers
VPB30W8M6200*1/AA

NOTE:
*1 Indicates contact plating options for connectors. See Step 7 of ordering information on page 10.

CONTACT HOLE PATTERN
NOTE: See page 9 for suggested printed board hole sizes.

FEMALE CONNECTOR WITH STRAIGHT COMPLIANT PRESS-FIT
PRINTED BOARD MOUNT TERMINATIONS
CODE 93

Typical Part Numbers
VPB30W8F9300*1/AA
VPB30W8S9300*1/AA

NOTE:
*1 Indicates contact plating options for connectors. See Step 7 of ordering information on page 10.

CONTACT HOLE PATTERN
NOTE: See page 9 for suggested printed board hole sizes.
MALE CONNECTOR WITH RIGHT ANGLE (90°) SOLDER PRINTED BOARD MOUNT TERMINATIONS

CODE 4

Typical Part Numbers

VPB30W8M400*1/AA

NOTE:

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FEMALE CONNECTOR WITH RIGHT ANGLE (90°) SOLDER PRINTED BOARD MOUNT TERMINATIONS

CODE 4 WITH -394.0 MOS

Typical Part Numbers

VPB30W8F400*1/AA-394.0
VPB30W8S400*1/AA-394.0

NOTE:

*1 Indicates contact plating options for connectors. See Step 7 of ordering information on page 10.

This connector option is offered to support extender cards. Consult Technical Sales for higher volume requirements.
EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE CONTACT ASSIGNMENTS

CONTACT POSITION | FUNCTION
---|---
1-16 | Low Speed Hardware Management
17-24 | High Voltage Metallic Test and Ringing Generator Signals
25 | Shelf Ground
26 | Logic Ground
27/32 | Enables for A and B power
28 | A Return
29 | B Return
30 | A Early
31 | B Early
32 | A Voltage
33 | B Voltage

SUGGESTED PRINTED BOARD HOLE SIZES FOR COMPLIANT PRESS-FIT CONNECTORS

Traditionally, tin-lead has been a popular plating for printed circuit board (PCB) holes. However, many PCB hole platings must now be RoHS compliant. Positronic is pleased to offer PCB HOLE SIZES FOR RoHS PCB platings as shown below.

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<td>22 OMEGA</td>
<td>d1.150±0.025 [ø0.0453±0.0010]</td>
<td>15µ [0.0006] minimum solder over 25µ [0.0010] min. copper</td>
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<td>0.05µ [0.000002] min. immersion gold over 4.5±1.5µ [0.000177±0.000059] electroless nickel per IPC-4552 over 25µ [0.0010] min. copper</td>
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“Omega” Termination utilized on signal contacts

“Bi-Spring” Termination utilized on power contacts

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ORDERING INFORMATION – CODE NUMBERING SYSTEM
Specify Complete Connector By Selecting an Option From Steps 1 Through 8

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Notes
- VPB series can be supplied with contacts populated in all 34 positions. Use part number VPB34W8****. |
- Female signal contacts are offered in open and closed entry. |
- Closed entry contacts are designed with an unbroken ring at the opening of the contact. This closed entry feature provides higher reliability in environments experiencing higher levels of shock and vibration. Closed entry contacts are also more abuse resistant than open entry designs. VPB Power contacts are always closed entry design. |

Telecordia GR1217 shows a preference that press-fit connectors use auxiliary mounting hardware. Also, the AdvancedTCA® Zone 1 connector serves as the lower alignment feature for front boards. Therefore, the use of mounting hardware is recommended. However, VPB connectors have been tested to PICMG 3.0 B.5.1.3 requirements, which may guide connector users to omit use of screws. Contact Positronic for test details. |

- Female compliant press-fit connectors require a press-fit tool, part number 9513-308-1-41, for installation. |
- The use of a support tool when installing press-fit connectors is recommended. For female connectors use 9513-400-6-41, for male connectors use 9513-400-8-41. |

### Telecordia GR1217
- Male connectors use 9513-400-8-41.
- Female connectors use 9513-400-6-41.

### MOUNTING SCREWS

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<td>A4546-7-7-4</td>
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<td>A4546-7-3-16</td>
<td>A4546-7-8-4</td>
<td>9.53+0.00-5.76 [0.375+0.00-0.300]</td>
<td>Contact technical sales for RoHS compliant mounting screw information.</td>
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