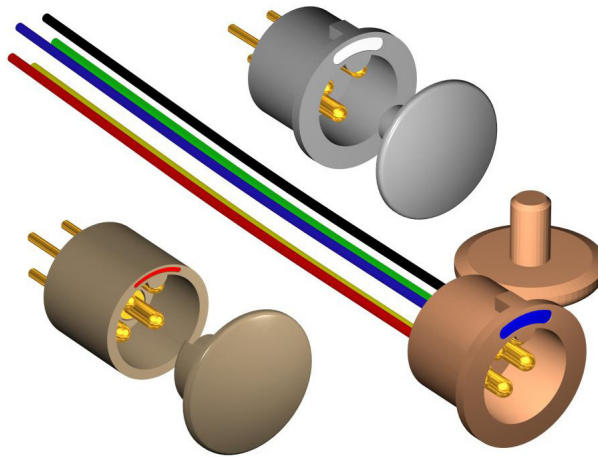


Technical Bulletin



CS 43/44/45 Sockets Improved Quality Level

Sonion is pleased to announce that we have improved the mechanical properties and electrical performance as well as the production processing of our CS 43/44/45 Sockets with flexible insulated leads.

The CS 43/44/45 Sockets were as of December 1998 produced with insulated silver-plated copper leads instead of insulated silver leads.

The change is part of our continuous improvement philosophy at Sonion and has been qualified according to our MQC program. The MQC Report is available and will be forwarded upon request.

The change will not affect part numbers, so specific requests are not required. The new type was gradually implemented as of December 1998.

Compared to the previous type of the CS 43/44/45 Sockets with flexible leads, the new type has the following features:

- Improved tensile strength
- Improved bending properties
- Same solderability properties
- Improved electrical performance
- Same color range of flexible leads

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