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#### **ON THE COVER**

The cover shows our variation of Strain Reliefs which act as cable anchors at the point of entry of a power cord. This issue contains information on how to utilize the reliefs when it comes to different power cords. To inquire about this product, contact Customer Service: info@interpower.com

#### **EMPLOYEE FOCUS**

Dan Ford



**Dan Ford** is our Technical Support Specialist, taking care of answering questions for all internal and external customers, regarding our products ratings and usage.

In addition to many other duties, Dan tracks new product requests entered into the database, assists with commercialization of parts including specifications, drawings, wiring instructions, and related parts. Dan is a member of our Product Task Force and helps analyze our product lines and potential new products. He is also a member of our Blue Ocean Team which searches for new products and markets we can develop. Dan keeps archives of our technical data.

Dan enjoys working with the wide variety of products that we carry and the number of different activities he gets to perform on a daily basis. He feels that this helps keep his job fresh and exciting.

One of Dan's favorite memories here at Interpower, was when he first started. At that time, he worked in our Manufacturing Department and was known for wearing flannel shirts. One day when he came in to work, the entire Manufacturing Department staff was wearing flannel too. Although, Dan admits

it took a little while for him to notice, it turned out to be a lot of fun.

Prior to joining Interpower Corporation, Dan received his Associates of Applied Sciences degree in Electronics/ Telecommunications from Indian Hills Community College.

#### Putting the Pieces Together

By Hannah Pothoven

nterpower Corporation places a high value on teamwork. In order to delight our customers, and keep our short lead times and same day shipments, our employees must be able to connect with each other both inside and outside their departments, in order to meet our customer's needs.

Our Customer Service Department receives many orders which start as a quote request. One particular request came in on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The customer needed 70 pieces of a particular item. A quote was sent to the customer stating that Interpower currently had a 5-week lead time for the requested parts.

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the customer replied with a Purchase Order requesting

30 pieces on their dock March 16<sup>th</sup>. We only had five pieces in stock, which we shipped that same day. The remaining 25 pieces needed to be ordered and assembled, making the ship date March 30<sup>th</sup>.

In an effort to get the order sooner, the customer and the local area sales representative worked with several Interpower Customer Service Representatives. The Customer Service Representative that placed the order brought the situation to the Purchasing Department who worked to expedite the parts.

Once the parts were received, they had to go to Interpower's Made-to-Order Manufacturing Department to be pieced together before shipping.

The parts were received at Interpower on March 11<sup>th</sup> and sent to the Manufacturing Department. The Made-to-Order Manufacturing Team worked diligently and was able to ship the order on March 13<sup>th</sup> in order to make it to the Customer's dock by March 14<sup>th</sup>...two days before March 16<sup>th</sup> as requested!

Due to excellent communication and teamwork between multiple departments within Interpower, and also with the local area sales representative, Interpower was able to avoid a stop in production for our customer.

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Best regards,



Bob Wersen, President

### LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

By Kari DeBruin

n our effort to provide you, our customers, with the most current, up-to-date information you need to successfully design products for export, we have expanded our informational resources to now include instructional videos.

After much planning, designing, re-designing, trial and error, and sweat and tears (not to mention the number of paint jobs needed to get the green screen, the right green!), we are now ready to begin production in our new video studio. The studio, located in our Ames, lowa facility will be the creative home to each of our new 3-4 minute video segments designed to give you the tools you need to design, produce, and compete in the worldwide marketplace. A great variety of topics will be covered and presented to you by our knowledgeable staff. Our first video will provide an overview of how to design products for worldwide markets, hosted by our Founder and President, Bob Wersen.

The videos will be available on our website at http://www.interpower.com/ or on http://www.youtube.com, enter keywords Interpower Corporation.

We invite you to tap into our ever-expanding collection of informational resources and view our new videos! We also encourage you to submit ideas and topics that you would like to see covered to info@interpower.com or call (800) 662-2290.

#### Info**POWER** Briefs By Hannah Pothoven

Are you following Interpower Corporation's InfoPower blog? To date we have posted over 60 blog posts covering information you need to know when designing for worldwide markets.

We have also come to a close on *Power Mains Monday*, covering the 21 standard worldwide plug patterns. The last power mains we have covered are Argentina, China, and Brazil. Be sure to also view our blog posts on designing for countries worldwide to find resources for information you need when designing your equipment for export.

Interpower Corporation's InfoPower blog has also covered many other topics. If you have questions on North American or International cable, environmental regulations, or hospital-grade requirements, be sure



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# Strain Reliefs

By Kari DeBruin

Strain Reliefs, also known as cable glands, are a group of similar products that act as cable anchors at the point of entry of a power cord, through the chassis of a piece of equipment.

#### What are Strain Reliefs?

Strain Reliefs, also known as cable glands, are a group of similar products that act as cable anchors at the point of entry of a power cord or wires, through the chassis of a piece of equipment.

#### Why Do I Need a Strain **Relief?**

First of all, some strain reliefs provide a liquid-tight seal on the power cord entry into the equipment. This prevents moisture from entering the interior of the equipment and causing potential

damage to components and circuitry. Secondly, strain reliefs provide extra protection to power cords by protecting the cord from coming into contact with sharp edges on the chassis and overbending. This protection helps extend cord life. Lastly, they reinforce the cord connection to your equipment. Many strain reliefs anchor the cord in a stationary position that prevents stress, such as twisting or pulling on the conductors, from reaching the wire connections inside the equipment, which could result in broken wires and the need for frequent cord replacement.

#### Where Does a Strain Relief Fit in?

The mounting threads of the strain relief can be threaded directly into the panel of the equipment or it can be eased through, a clearance located in the panel, and fitted with a locking nut. Strain reliefs can be attached almost anywhere on a piece of equipment, as long as there is sufficient clearance between the wall or other equipment. Lack of clearance might prevent the strain relief from doing its intended job and could result in damage to the cord and the strain relief.

## Molded Strain Relief Testing

#### What Kind of Quality Testing is Done?

Most of the companion article is devoted to strain reliefs however, there are strain releifs that are molded onto the cable and subject to additional testing.

The Abrupt Pull Test is a test that Underwriters Laboratories has established. UL 817 is the U.S. standard for cord sets and power supply cords. NEMA plugs used in these cords are required to pass a strain relief test in UL 817 section 99. UL requires the mechanical strength of the plug to be tested by repeatedly impacting the cord at the cord exit. This ensures that a pull force on the cord does not damage the internal plug terminations. During this test, the plug is mounted in a 45 degree steel plate. The plug blades and ground pin are anchored in the plate. A fixture with a rod, striker plate and a 1.1 kg (2.5 pound) weight are clamped to the cord. The weight is dropped 25 times. During and at the completion of this test, there is to be no loss of electrical continuity.

The Cord Flex Test verifies that the plug and connector relief designs protect cable and internal conductors from stress, breaking and arcing. IEC 60320-1 (appliance couplers) section 22 and IEC 60884-1 (plugs and sockets) section 23 require appliance couplers and plugs to be designed so that the cord cannot be subjected to excessive bending or pull-out at the cord exit. Testing is done to simulate the actual life cycle of the product. They also use it as a test to evaluate design features such as the durability and function of the cords strain relief. A poorly functioning strain relief may affect how well the wire crimp, bridge and terminal components respond to the test.

The testing agencies require that the connectors are subjected to a 20,000 flex test and plugs are subjected to a 10,000 flex test; both 45 degrees from cord axis, with 10N or 20N of force on the cord, and at a rate of one flex every second. During this test, the rated current of the plug or connector is passed through the phase conductors. Furthermore, half way through the test, the plug or connector is rotated 90 degrees. There shall be no interruption of current and no short circuit between conductors during this test.

#### How do I Choose a Strain **Relief?**

There are several things to think about when choosing a strain relief for your equipment. Listed below are six attributes of a strain relief to consider in order to choose the correct part.

The first thing to consider when choosing a strain relief is the material used. Two popular choices are nylon and nickel plated brass. Choosing a brass strain relief will be higher in cost, and may be better suited for high end equipment. Nylon strain reliefs, in most instances, have the same performance as brass, but with less cost. Other options available are PVFD (polyvinylidene fluoride), aluminum, and stainless steel.

Secondly, you should determine the style of strain relief you need for your application. Dome style strain reliefs are the most common and are designed to protect the wire entering the equipment. They help to secure the wire connection to the equipment and provide longer life to the cord by preventing it from rubbing against a rough or sharp edge where the cord passes through the equipment panel. Flex style strain reliefs offer flexible bend protection to the cord entering the equipment. They are designed to eliminate the possibility of the power cord kinking at the point where the cord enters the equipment.

Thirdly, along with the basic style, you should determine the body style needed. Strain reliefs can enter into the equipment with a straight body style, or a 90 degree 3/4, 1, 1 1/4, 1 1/2, and 2 inch.

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body style. Dome style strain reliefs also have options for multi-cable entry, flat cable, mini strain reliefs for the smallest cable sizes, and EMI to protect from electromagnetic interference.

The fourth thing to consider in determining the correct strain relief is the thread type and size. There are three main thread types that are used throughout the world. These thread types are National Pipe Thread (NPT), Panzer Gewinde (PG), and Metric.

The NPT thread type is the North American standard, and therefore is most commonly used for North American equipment. National Pipe Thread Tapered Thread is a U.S. standard for tapered threads used on fittings and threaded pipes. All NPT threads have a taper rate of 1/16 (3/4 inch per foot) which is measured by the difference in diameter (of the pipe thread) over its distance. The angle between the center axis and the taper of the pipe is 1° 47' 24" (1.7899°). The most common sizes are 1/4, 3/8, 1/2,

metric; however these threads are not truly metric as PG threads have a different angle and depth. The Stahlpanzerrohrgewinde (translates as steel conduit thread) standard for screw threads, most often



The PG thread type is a German standard used throughout Europe and is sometimes referred to as

called by its shorter name Panzer Gewinde, is a German created technical standard. It is also used in Switzerland, Austria and some surrounding European countries.

The standard, codified by the DIN, which is the German Institute for Standardization, is DIN 40430. Panzer Gewinde sizes are named with the prefix PG with a number which correlates to the largest sized cable diameter that can be used. (Note: most manufacturers specify cable diameter 1 to 1.5mm less than this designator).

Due to the thin walls of the conduit, the thread depth cannot be large. Because of this, an 80° thread angle is utilized. The Verband der Elektrotechnik, Elektronik und Informationstechnik (VDE) originally standardized the thread for use with conduit and cable glands that were made of steel. Today, however, the thread can be used with both steel and nylon.

Metric thread type is the international standard and can be used worldwide. Some sources believe that the Metric thread will continue to replace all other types. In the future, most new equipment is expected to use the metric measurement system which will therefore require the use of metric threads. Any remaining threads will be reworked, or "metricated" - which simply means they will be reissued in metric dimensions as the older units become obsolete. Some refer to the older threads as "non-preferred."

The fifth option to consider is your mounting hole. The mounting threads of the strain relief can be threaded directly into the panel of the equipment, or the strain relief can be eased through a clearance hole in the panel and fitted with a locking nut. Match the diameter of your mounting hole to the Major Diameter Inches to determine the size of strain relief you need.

Finally, in order to choose the correct strain relief, you should consider the cable you are using. You should know the diameter of your cable. When looking at

the correct style strain relief, find the ones that have the correct thread size or mounting hole size. Then look at the cable diameter specification range and choose the one that has the best fit. Ideally, the cable diameter should be towards the top end of the cable range for the strain relief chosen. If this is not possible, use the one with the best fit.

protection from elements or physical damage. Conduit may also be used when users may need to add additional wires at a later time.

#### When Do I Use Conduit?

Typically conduit is used when the wire and cable require extra





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Interpower Corporation strain reliefs provide protection to the wires and cable from stress and damage as they run through the panel of your equipment. Interpower Corporation carries metric strain reliefs. along with NPT and PG thread types. We offer a variety of styles including nylon or nickel-plated brass dome-nut, nylon flex-style, and 90 degree angled strain reliefs. RoHs strain reliefs are available as well. View our line of strain reliefs to choose the best product for your application.

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#### By Kari DeBruin

When designing products, you can choose from a variety of cable. In this article, we will focus on three types of cable: North American, International and Universal. In instances when power cords and cord sets are not readily available for your particular application, you may need to order the cable for your project. Some of these circumstances may be that the plug you need is not available in a molded configuration or the manufacturer wants to wait until shipping the product to install the plug onto the equipment. Regardless of the circumstance, it is important to understand the similarities and differences between the three cable types.

#### North American Cable

The AWG (American Wire Gauge) uses an inverse relationship to the size, so the larger the number, the smaller the cable.

Cable for single phase applications will either be a 2-wire or 3-wire variety. Cable with 2 wires is for Class II (ungrounded) applications, while 3-wire cable is for Class I applications, which require a ground. Three phase applications are going to require either

4 or 5 wires. Cables with 2 or 3 wires come in two distinct shapes: round or flat.

#### Round:

- have conductors that are insulated separately, inside an outer sheath
- Available with or without a jute/paper filler
- The inner conductors have either thermoplastic or rubber jackets, in

accordance with the outer jacket. For single-phase cable, the conductor color coding is typically: line (black or brown), neutral (white or light blue) and ground (green or green/yellow). Each conductor is sized in accordance with the AWG system.

#### Flat:

- constructed with conductors that are laid in a parallel fashion.
- The outer jacket is typically PVC, thermoplastic, or rubber.

#### International/Harmonized Cable

International cable is similar in appearance to North American cable, but there are a number of important differences. International cable is sometimes referred to as "harmonized," or simply "HAR." Harmonized cable refers to cable which is manufactured and conforms to one of a unique set of standards developed in Europe. The term "Harmonized" refers to the fact that two or more standards have been merged together in an effort to promote commonality in the construction of the product. Cable manufactured outside Europe cannot exhibit the "HAR" marking. This measurement comes from the cross section diameter of each conductor, expressed as mm<sup>2</sup>. Because the standards and methods of measuring are different, harmonized cable sizes do not correspond with North American sizes.

- Does not have filler.
- Does not have as high a tensile strength as a similar North American cable.

- The inner conductors are made of material consistent with the outer jacket. All harmonized cable will be color-coded line (brown), neutral (light blue) and ground (yellow/green striped). These conductors are sized

with the mm<sup>2</sup> measurement. - A series of numbers and letters indicate the jacket material, ratings, and size of the cable.

#### Universal Cable

Universal PVC cable combines harmonized H05VVF with metric sized conductors and SJT with AWG (American Wire Gauge) sized into one cable.

*The table below (Figure 1) provides* basic information about the cable While it is possible to design products using Universal cable, it is not recommend for use in country specific applications. Instead, it is recommended only for accessory power distribution, such as jumper cord sets or internal wiring harnesses.

The first line in this table is the international ratings, the second North American					
Part	Conductor	Current/Voltage	Temp.	Cable Type	Outer Diameter
Number	Size	Rating	Rating		(mm)
86020600	1.00 mm²	10A/300/500VAC	-40°C to 70°C	H05VV-F	7.6 mm
	18 AWG	10A/300/VAC	60°C	SJT	7.6 mm
86020610	1.50 mm²	16A/300/500VAC	-40°C to 70°C	H05VV-F	8.3 mm
	16 AWG	13A/300/VAC	60°C	SJT	8.3 mm
86020620	2.50 mm²	25A/300/500VAC	-40°C to 70°C	H05VV-F	10.0 mm
	14 AWG	18A/300/VAC	60°C	Sjt	10.0 mm
86020630	4.00 mm <sup>2</sup>	32A/300/500VAC	-40°C to 70°C	HO5VV-F	11.5 mm
	12 AWG	25A/300/VAC	60°C	SJT	11.5 mm

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For more information on American Wire Gauge, visit our blog: http:// www.interpower.com/ic/news/ infopower/american-wire-gauge/

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#### Figure 1

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# Plug Standards... and Counting

Our third in a series of articles covering the 21 standard worldwide plug patterns Bv Kari DeBruin







In this edition of InterPower Source, we are continuing our series of articles devoted to describing the 21 standard plug patterns that are currently used throughout the world. In our last edition, we covered the plugs from Denmark, Argentina, Australia and China. In this article, we will be focusing on the plugs used in Brazil, Italy, Japan and Switzerland.

We will begin by taking a look at the Switzerland. plug from Brazil.



The Brazilian NBR 14136 is the new standard for Brazilian plugs and receptacles, which went into effect on all new equipment sold in Brazil as of January 1, 2010. This standard is based on the international IEC 60906-1 standard, developed to encourage countries to adopt one plug and receptacle for global use. Before this Brazil used a "universal" receptacle that accepted both the North American and Europlug plugs. The new plug is very similar in looks to the Swiss plug, but they are not

interchangeable. The Brazilian plug is wider, the plug face is slightly larger and the pins on the Brazilian plug are closer together.

20 amps Hertz

affects the 10 amp plug.

Class I plugs are rated at 10 and

 The new standard does not include a medical grade plug Brazil uses 110-220 Volts and 60

Now, let's discuss the plug from

The Swiss plug is governed by SEV 1011:1999. However there has been a change to the standard which will be enforced December 31, 2012. The new standard, SEV 1011:2009 requires the line and neutral pins to be partially insulated. This change only

The Swiss plug is very similar to the Europlug and Italian plug however; the Swiss plug has a grounding pin that is slightly higher than the line and neutral pin. The 10 amp plug has round pins while the 16 amp plug

has slightly square pins, so that you cannot accidentally plug a 16 amp plug into a 10 amp socket.

• Like most of Europe, Switzerland does not have a medical plug requirement in its standard Class I plugs are rated at 10 and 16 amp. Switzerland uses the Europlug for class II applications at a 2.5 amp rating • The Swiss plug is rated up to 250 Volts and 50 Hertz. • The plug is pin and electrically polarized

Next, we'll cover Italy.



There are several types of plugs used in Italy (including the Continental European CEE 7/16 plug). The official standard for the Italian plug is CEI 23-50 and is relatively standardized in Libya, Ethiopia and Chile. It is also used in parts of Northern Africa.

The Italian plug pattern is 3 pins in a row with the middle pin being ground. The Class I plugs are rated at 10 and 16 amp. The 16 amp pins are

larger than the 10 amp pins so that you cannot accidentally plug a 16 amp plug in a 10 amp socket. Like many European countries Italy uses the Europlug for Class II applications.

• Italy does not have a medical grade plug in its standard

• The Italian plug is rated up to 250 Volts and 50 Hertz.

• The plug is not pin polarized

Lastly, let's look at Japan.



The Japanese plug and socket, on first glance, is identical to the North American NEMA 5-15 standard. However, the Japanese system, which is specified in JIS 8303, incorporates tighter dimensional requirements,

different marking requirements and mandatory testing and approval by a Japanese testing agency. The cords have a maximum output rating of 15A/125VAC. The cable must meet JIS C3306. Japanese wire sizes and current ratings are different than those used elsewhere in the world.

Japanese mains frequently do not provide for grounding; grounding is made to the wall socket by use of an adapter. As a result, Class I grounded sockets are used less frequently in Japan than in the U.S. Most appliances sold in Japan use a Class II, ungrounded plug. Class I grounded appliances should be sold with an external ground wire, such as Interpower part 86589030 or a grounding adapter, such as Interpower part 88100011. DENAN is a mandatory national law

administered by Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Cords, plugs and sockets must carry the PSE approval mark. Japan has a medical grade standard

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"Guide to Worldwide plugs and sockets Patterns & Power Mains" simply by clicking on our "Product

Design Library" tab. For your convenience we have also included a copy of the guide in this edition of InterPower Source. Be sure to check out our next article on plug patterns in the next edition of

JIS T1021, but the hospitals make the final decision on whether or not they want to use a medical grade plug.

• Japanese wire sizes and current ratings are different than those used elsewhere in the world. Japan is at 100 volts and 50 and 60 hertz. It would be advisable to check the frequency before shipping your equipment to Japan. 🖺

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## **US IEC SC23G TAG Seeks Volunteers**

NEMA is seeking participants for IEC 60320 and IEC 60799 standards group

By Kari DeBruin

#### The International

**Electrotechnical Commission** (IEC) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization which is comprised of individuals from around the world. This panel of experts each represents their own country's interest in a variety of electro-technical venues.

"Electrotechnology" is the term used to describe the millions of devices that contain electronics, and use or produce electricity. The manufacturers, importers and exporters of electrotechnology rely on IEC members to produce International Standards and Conformity Assessment Systems that they need and require. The standards that the IEC produces are consensus based and represent the needs of the participating nations. Each country has a voice and one vote.

Because of the magnitude of items and issues the IEC addresses, the group is broken down into approximately 174 Technical Committees (TC) and Sub-Committees (SC), and an array of project and maintenance teams that perform standards work. These committees are comprised of almost 10,000 experts from around the world in various specialties such as academics, commerce, government, test and research labs and consumer groups.

Currently, the US Sub Committee 23G, the committee which focuses on Appliance Couplers is in need of volunteers.

According to the IEC, SC23G is responsible for the international standards of the IEC 60320 Series as well as for IEC 60799. The scope of this group is "to prepare standard sheets, tests and requirements for safety and interchangeability of the couplers, which allow for detachable connections between flexible cords and electrical appliances or equipment, and between parts

of multi-part appliances. The appliances or equipment may have a detachable input connection and also detachable output connections to other appliances or equipment. The couplers are not intended for use in fixed installations."

#### An IEC 60320 chart is available on our website at: http://www. interpower.com/ic/iec60320

**chart.** This chart has also been included.

By being an active member of this group, you will be able to participate in developing global standards on cord terminations and inlets/outlets for equipment. In the past, members of this group have been IEC 60320 components manufacturers, however, since much of that work has shifted to China, today the group is comprised mostly of importers of cords and IEC 60320 devices. 🚆



If you are interested in applying for group participation, please contact: Andrei Moldoveanu • IEC SC23G TAG Secretary • NEMA • 703-841-3290 • EMAIL @ moldoveanu@NEMA.org

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Source: IEC. Web. 21 Jan. 2012. < http://www.iec.ch/about/>.

These couplers are for ac only, with a rated voltage not exceeding 250VAC and not exceeding the rated currents listed above for 50Hz or 60Hz power.

## MULTIFUCTION POWER ENTRY MODULES

A power entry module is an electromechanical component used in order to integrate the inlet with other components, such as a circuit breaker, voltage selector, an electromagnetic interference line filter, and appliance fuse holders and outlets. A multifunction power entry module is a group of common front or back panel components that are placed together and conveniently packaged in a single unit. Most power entry and multifunction modules connect to the AC power-line, and are therefore required to meet safety standards set by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Verband der Elektrotechnik, Elektronik und Informationstechnik (VDE), in addition to the BSI Group (BSI) safety standards agency.

There are several advantages and benefits when using multifunction power entry modules. These include increased savings of time and expense, better utilization of space, improved appearance and a safer consumer product.

#### Savings of Time and Expense:

Although the multifunction power entry module itself costs more than an individual component, by incorporating a number of single components into one item, savings are achieved in many other areas. Probably the largest area of savings is in assembly labor. Now, instead of mounting different parts or running wiring harnesses from one component to the next, the assembler can quickly fit one part into the panel, with minimal tooling and far less internal wiring. Many modules utilize quick disconnect (QD) terminalsallowing the wires to be quickly and easily connected to the modules. In addition to labor savings, warehouse storage space, documentation and time spent on testing and engineering is greatly reduced.

#### **Better Utilization of Space:**

By combining multiple components into a single compact unit, there is less wasted space behind the panel which gives the options of downsizing the panel area, increasing or enhancing functionality for other devices on the panel, or decreasing the entire size of the equipment.

Improved Appearance:

more modern look.

#### A Safer Consumer Product:

In most multifunction power entry modules, the power connector must be removed from the inlet prior to changing the fuses or switching the voltage selector This feature drastically reduces the risk of electrical shock.

#### So, how do you choose a power entry module for your application? Typically, there are five functions that

can be incorporated into a power entry module. They include a power inlet, switch, fuse holder, voltage selector, and filter.

Power Inlet: Most power entry modules use an IEC 60320 C14 inlet, and are typically rated for applications up to 10A for international and 15A North American use. There are other power entry modules on the market for the lower rated 2.5A C6 and C8 inlets, as well as a few power entry modules utilizing the 16/20A C20 inlet. Because the C6, C8,

If you are interested in learning more about power entry modules, you can view Interpower Corporation's webcast at http://www.interpower.com/ic/pemoduleswebcast/

Multifunction modules offer a sleeker

and C20 multifunction modules are not as common or popular, it will likely be more difficult or impossible to find some option combinations.

Switch: If specialized switch requirements are not an issue, it may be desirable to specify an ON/OFF rocker switch as part of the multifunction power entry module. Module specifications should be examined to determine whether switches are SPST (Single Pole, Single Throw) or DPST (Double Pole, Single Throw) and whether or not they are lighted.

Fuse Holder: If your application requires circuit protection, fuses are most commonly used. Some modules accept a 5x20mm fuse and a 1/4 x 1 1/4" fuse; other modules accept only one or the other. Note: both international and North American fuses are available in the 5x20mm size, whereas the 1/4 x 1 1/4" size is only available for North American use. You will also need to determine whether you need a power entry module with a single fuse or double fuse holder.

Voltage Selector: Most equipment today uses a universal switching power supply and does not require a voltage selector. Voltage selection is only needed for equipment that runs on a dedicated voltage (e.g. equipment will only run on 120V). Typically, voltage selectors are available in 115V/230V or 120V/240V.

*Filter:* There are two types of filters, a standard EMI/RFI filter and a medicalgrade EMI/RFI filter. Filters may be shielded or unshielded determining how much noise radiates out of or into the equipment. Testing is the only way to ensure the correct filtered power entry module is specified.

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## **Rocky Mountain Territory**

Serving your electronic needs for 42 years By Judy Nunnikhoven



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Roger Long, co-owner of Omega Ltd. recalls a time when a customer was in a tight spot. Their customer realized two days before Christmas that they had an end of year

protection, switches and visual communications. In fact, they like to say they can do everything on your front and back panels, including the panels and the interconnect

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The Mickey Mouse Connector, *otherwise* known as the IEC 60320 C5 connector, was originally intended for use on sewing machines, but is now used on laptop computers. The unique "mickey mouse shape" clearly identifies the C5 connector, which plugs into a transformer. This connector is also referred to as a cloverleaf plug, and is rated up to 7A in North America and 2.5A Internationally. The C5 Connector is ideal in situations when you might not need as much current in your product design. In the US, the C5 can be used with SJT and SPT-2 18 gauge cable. For international use, it can be used with H03VVF.75mm<sup>2</sup> and H05VVF.75mm<sup>2</sup>.

For medical applications, the C5 can be used on H05VVF.75mm<sup>2</sup>, and SJT 18 gauge. It can also be used in any other medical application with the exception of Denmark.

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## $\mathcal{U}\mathcal{N}$ Facts

1. When was PVC invented and by whom? 2. When was PVC first used for wire insulation? 3. What are the 5 best conductive metals in order? 4. What was the Great Chicago Fire? 5. When was the first edition of the IEC 60320 standard published?



first published in 1970 as the IEC 320 standard. It was later renamed after the IEC changed their numbering system: it became IEC 60320. October 10, 1871. The fire destroyed approximately 3.3 square miles of Chicago, Illinois and helped result in massive reform of fire standards and fire prevention. (Wikipedia) 5. Tandard was 4) Aluminum, and 5) Zinc (New World Encyclopedia, Wikipedia, and Metal Detecting World). 4. The Great Chicago Fire was a massive blaze that burned from Sunday, October 8, to early Tuesday, wiring on military ships. In the 1950's, advancements in processing to make PVC more durable led to applications in the building trades. (pvc.org) 3.1) Pure Scilver, 2) Pure Copper, 3) Pure Gold, Klatte took out a patent on PVC, which he polymerized with sunlight. (Wikipedia and pvc.org). 2. During the Second World War (1939 to 1945), PVC quickly replaced traditional material to insulate 1872 by the German Eugen Baumann. The material was difficult to work with and no one mastered the challenge of commercial applications. In 1913, German inventor Friedrich Heinrich August 1. Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) was accidentally discovered on at least two occasions in the 19th century. The first, in 1838, by a French physicist and chemical Henri Victor Regnault and the second in



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