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1. Scope

The purpose of this document is to specify requirements for female indoor “F” ports that are used in the 75-ohm RF broadband communications industry and that interface with “F” Male connectors as defined by ANSI/SCTE 123 and ANSI/SCTE 124.

2. Normative References

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2.1. SCTE References

- ANSI/SCTE 103 2012, Test Method for DC Contact Resistance
- ANSI/SCTE 123 2011, Specification for “F” Connector Male Feed-Through
- ANSI/SCTE 124 2011, Specification for “F” Connector Male Pin Type
- ANSI/SCTE 149 2013, Test Method for Withstand Tightening Torque - 'F' Female
- ANSI/SCTE 191 2013, Test Method for Axial Pull Force, Female “F” Port
- IPS TP 417 R02, Test Method for F Connector Center Conductor Retention

2.2. Standards from other Organizations

- No normative references are applicable.

2.3. Published Materials

- No normative references are applicable.

3. Informative References

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- No informative references are applicable.

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5. Definitions

thread relief	A reduced diameter section of the threaded surface to allow the tool to run out.
center conductor	The inner conductor of a coaxial cable or pin of mating male connector.
mating male center conductor clearance	The distance from the reference plane of the female "F" port to which the center conductor of the mating male connector may penetrate without damaging the port or encountering a blockage.
positive contact point	The distance from the reference plane of the female "F" port to the first point of contact in the female center contact when the installed mating center conductor is centered.
reference plane	The reference plane on the female indoor "F" port is the mating surface that seats against the male "F" port. It is also the plane from where all horizontal dimensions are taken.

6. Electrical Requirements

6.1. Return Loss, Insertion Loss, Surge Withstand, and Shielding Effectiveness

Refer to the individual equipment specifications for these requirements.

6.2. Center Conductor Contact Resistance

The center conductor junction of the indoor female "F" port to male F center conductor ***shall*** have a DC contact resistance of less than 25 milliohms after the testing performed in IPS TP 417 and then tested in accordance to ANSI/SCTE 103.

6.3. Outer Conductor Contact Resistance

The outer conductor junction of the indoor female "F" port to male F connector ***shall*** have a DC contact resistance less than 10 milliohms when tightened to 40 lb.-in. and tested to ANSI/SCTE 103.

6.4. Center Conductor Continuous Current

The center conductor junction of the indoor female "F" port to male F center conductor ***shall*** be capable of carrying a minimum of 1 ampere DC continuous current at an ambient temperature of 40°C without degradation.

7. Mechanical Requirements

7.1. Physical dimensions

The recommended physical dimensions for female indoor "F" ports ***shall*** be as specified in Figure 1, Table 1, and per the notes below.

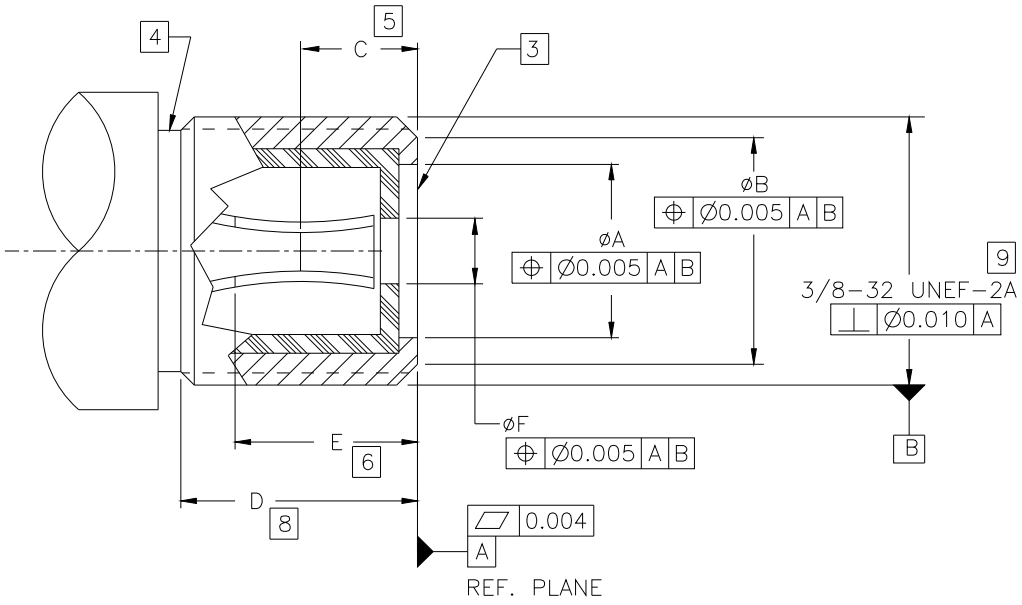

Figure 1 – Recommended Indoor Female "F" Port

Table 1 – Recommended Indoor Female "F" Port Dimensions

DESCRIPTION	DIM	mm		inches		NOTES
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
REF PLANE OPENING DIAMETER	A	4.32	6.10	0.170	0.240	
REF PLANE OUTER DIAMETER	B	7.11	8.00	0.280	0.315	
POSITIVE CONTACT POINT DEPTH	C	-	5.08	-	0.200	5
FULL THREAD DEPTH	D	8.26	-	0.325	-	8
MATING MALE CENTER CONDUCTOR CLEARANCE	E	9.65	-	0.380	-	6
CENTER CONDUCTOR GUIDE INNER DIAMETER	F	-	1.73	-	0.068	

NOTES:

1 DRAWING NOT TO SCALE.

2 INTERPRET DRAWING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASME Y14.5M-1994.

3 NO MATERIAL SHALL IMPEDE THE ENTRY OF THE MALE F CONNECTOR.

4 THREAD RELIEF OPTIONAL.

5 DIMENSION TO POINT OF POSITIVE CONTACT OF MALE CENTER CONDUCTOR.

6 MINIMUM CLEARANCE REQUIRED FOR MAXIMUM LENGTH MALE CENTER CONDUCTOR.

7 RECOMMENDED MATING MALE CENTER CONDUCTOR DIAMETER RANGE IS 0.030 in. (0.76 mm) MIN. to 0.042 in. (1.07 mm) MAX.

8 WHEN THE INDOOR FEMALE F CONNECTOR IS USED IN A PANEL OR BULKHEAD MOUNTED APPLICATION; DIMENSION D IS THE LENGTH OF THREAD EXTENDING BEYOND THE MOUNTING HARDWARE.

9 SINGLE "D" FLAT OR DOUBLE "D" FLATS ARE OPTIONAL GEOMETRIES OF THE THREADED PORTION OF THE INDOOR FEMALE F CONNECTOR.

7.2. Mechanical Strength

7.2.1. Center Conductor Mating

The center conductor contact ***shall*** accept male "F" connector center conductors whose diameters are between 0.030" (0.76 mm) diameter and 0.0422" (1.07 mm) diameter. The junction ***shall*** have a minimum retention force of 150 grams with a 0.032" (0.81 mm) diameter conductor inserted after the contact is mated 25 times with a center conductor whose diameter is 0.0422" (1.07 mm) when tested in accordance to IPS TP 417, *Test Method for F Connector Center Conductor Retention*.

7.2.2. Withstand Tightening Torque

The indoor female “F” port ***shall*** be able to withstand a minimum tightening torque of 40 lb.-in. without damage when measured per ANSI/SCTE 149 2013.

7.2.3. Axial Pull Strength

All female “F” ports ***shall*** withstand a minimum 60 lbs. of axial pull strength without damage when measured per ANSI/SCTE 191 2013.

7.2.4. Other

Refer to the equipment specs for mechanical requirements that affect any material beyond the indoor female “F” ports.

8. Environmental Requirements

Indoor female “F” ports ***shall*** meet the corrosion requirements of the equipment to which they are attached.