

The widest range of  
mission-critical interconnect  
technologies in the world



**Composite Thermoplastic  
Backshells and Accessories**

# Composite Thermoplastic

A combination of high-tech materials with some performance advantages compared to metal

- *Composite*: Particle and fiber additives suspended in a Polymer resin
- *Polymer*: Shapeable chemicals formed into complex molecular chains with specific attributes
- *Thermoplastic*: Heat moldable polymer that returns to a solid state upon cooling



# Composites: Lighter Weight

Composite systems and components are consistently 20 – 30% lighter than equivalent-functionality metal parts



# Composites: Unlimited Corrosion Protection

Composite thermoplastic based materials are not subject to any form of corrosion—a key requirement in harsh environments.



# Composites: Superior Manufacturability

- Injection molded (tooled) composite parts are faster and easier to make than machining metal.
- Intricate features are easier to mold than die-casting metal



# Composites: Excellent Temperature Tolerance

Composite thermoplastic components meet all commercial aviation and mil-spec temperature requirements for all zones except engines and engine nacelles



# Composites: Inherent Vibration Dampening

Composites pass even the most stringent vibration and shock tests with flying colors



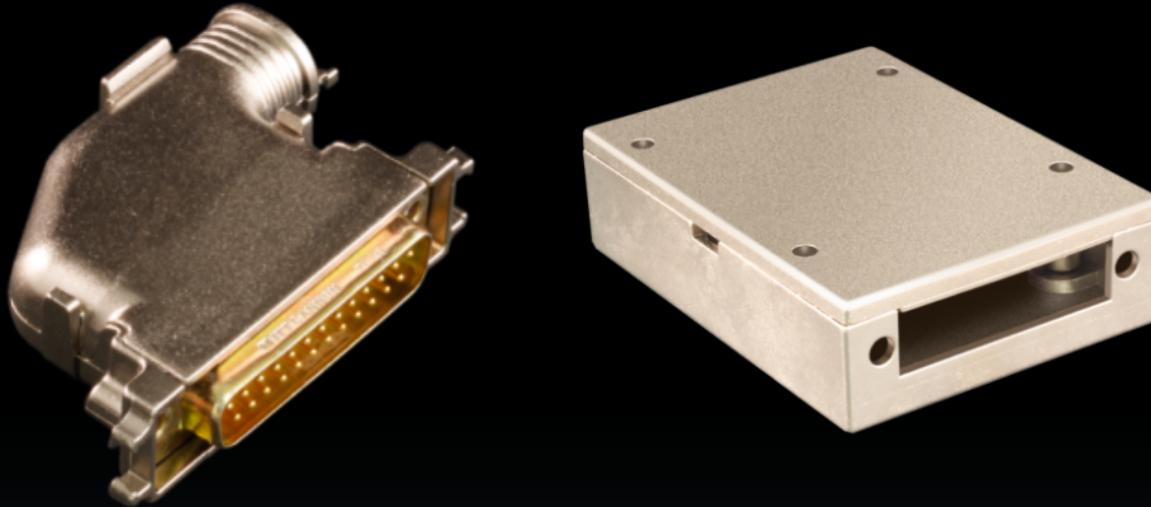
Metal: Rings like a  
rusty old bell



Doesn't vibrate  
loose

# Composites: Integrated “Snap” Fasteners

Injection-molded composite plastic products may be designed with integrated fasteners in the form of clips and snaps



# Composites: Resistance to Lightning Strike

Composite backshells meet the same indirect lightning strike requirements as required in D38999 series III metal connectors



# Composites: Superior Dimensional Stability

Due to a low coefficient of linear thermal expansion, composite interconnect components do not expand or contract with changes in temperature



# Composites: Other Material Properties

- Easier to manufacture, melt-processable polymers
- Ideal for small component parts
- Insensitive to aircraft fluids or chemical attack
- Resistant to flames
- Low smoke, low toxicity index
- Resistant to hydrolysis, UV radiation
- PEEK and PEI offer high dielectric strength and excellent mechanical performance



# Selective Plating: The Glenair Approach to EMI Grounding and Product Durability

Selective Plating Maintains an Effective Ground Path While Eliminating Surface Scratches and Other Damage



Shown: Series 447 Composite Band-in-a-Can Backshell



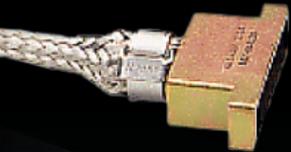
# Performance Testing of Ultem

Performance by Application Requirements	Capability	Test Method Employed		Similarity to EN 2591-
		MIL-STD-1344	EIA 364-	
Corrosion (Salt Spray, Salt Mist)	2000 Hours +	1001	26	307
Shell Conductivity	< .0025 Ohms	3007	83	205
Fluid Immersion	Passed	1016	10	315
Ozone Exposure	Passed	1007	14	316
Fungus (mold growth)	Inert	ASTM G 213	N/A	306
Flammability	Passed	1012	104	317
Hydrolytic Stability	Passed	ASTM D 570-95	N/A	Unknown
Life Cycle (mate un-mate 10 cycles)	Passed	AS85049 par. 4.6.15	N/A	408
Vibration	Passed	2005	28	403
Shock	Passed	2004	27	402
Temperature Cycling (rapid change of temperature & Thermal shock)	Passed	1003	32	323 / 305
Lightning Strike (3KA, 5KA, 10KA)	Passed	5PTC0000, par. 4.5.13	75	214
External Bending Moment	Passed	AS85049 par. 4.6.11	N/A	420
Endurance at Temperature	Compliance Verification Required	N/A	N/A	301
Climatic Sequence		N/A	N/A	302
Cold/Flow Pressure & Damp Heat		N/A	N/A	303
Humidity (Damp Heat Steady State)		1002	31	304
Sand & Dust		N/A	50	308
Damp Heat Cycle Test (10 cycles)		N/A	N/A	321
Axis Load		N/A	N/A	405
Surface Transfer Impedance		3008	66	212



# Connector Accessory Series Summary

Shield  
Termination



Environmental  
Sealing



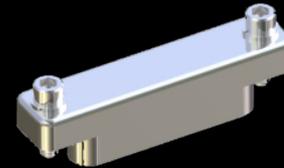
Mechanical  
Strain-Relief



Lightweight  
Composite



Protective  
Covers



Molded  
Shapes



# Weight Saving Composite Technologies for Advanced Aircraft



Swing-Arm Flex with Slotted Follower



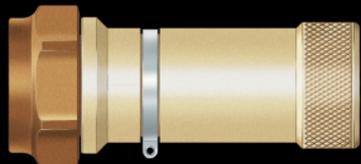
Ultra-Low-Profile Composite Backshell



Composite Do-Drop-In Series



Swing-Arm with Integrated Shield Sock



Composite Shorting Can



Composite ARINC Backshells



Composite EPX Backshells



Series 20 Super-Twin



Saving Assembly Time and Labor:

# Split-Shells for Easy Access



Composite

# Saving Assembly Time and Labor: Easy Thru-Bulkhead Wire Routing



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# The Swing-Arm Revolution

Operates in a similar manner to the F-22 Shield Sock, but offers three-in-one straight, 45° and 90° design for SKU reduction



Composite

WEIGHT-SAVING, CORROSION-FREE



**SWING ARM**<sup>®</sup>  
COMPOSITE THREE-IN-ONE BACKSHELL  
**FLEX**

**COMPOSITE THERMOPLASTIC  
CONNECTOR BACKSHELLS**

**Glenair**<sup>®</sup>

# Swing-Arm Flex

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COMPOSITE THREE-IN-ONE BACKSHELL  
FLEX

## “Flex” Swing-Arm Technology



*Swing-Arm Flex with slotted  
drop-in follower*

- Straight, 45°, and 90° configurable backshell: 3 part numbers in one!
- Further weight reduction with no saddle bars or hardware
- No excessive tape use on bundle
- Rapid assembly
- Band, lacing cord or tie wrap be used
- Accommodates wide range of cable bundle diameters

# Small and Light EMI/RFI Shielded Junction Boxes

Tested, qualified, tooled and stocked catalog offerings



Series 140 Composite EMI/RFI Junction Boxes

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