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NFI UK Harsh Environment Fibre Optic Connectors

NFI UK harsh environment connectors were initially designed for offshore and petrochemical site use. They are manufactured from 316 stainless steel and are of very rugged construction. They can be used for multi or single mode fibre and are supplied factory pre-terminated.

Typical uses are:-

- Ship to Shore communications as used on LNG terminals and tankers
- Interconnection between offshore platforms/jack-ups
- FPSO Turrets
- Chemical sites exposed to aggressive/corrosive chemicals
- Nuclear sites
- Field deployable application

Connectors are available as either 6 or 12 fibre configuration. The female version can be supplied as either flange mount or free end connector. Male connectors are normally supplied as free end only.

Connectors are terminated to any length required up to a normal maximum of 1000m. Extra length can be supplied on request.

Harsh environment range - Options								
	Fibre Type		Mounting Type		Terminated on to cable			
Number of	Single	Multi	Free	Bulkhead	Pigtail	Ruggedised		
channels	mode	mode	end	mount	_	cable		
6 way male	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	\checkmark		
6 way female	✓	√	~	✓	√	✓		
12 way male	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓		
12 way female	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
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Possible Configuration: 1 Temporary umbilical or removable link – ie jack up to platform connecting bridge.



Configuration: 2 Removable connection at one end eg LNG Ship to Shore or Turret



Configuration: 3 Two free ends connected at any location ie field deployable





Male Fibre Optic Connector

The connector utilises a flexible armoured fire resistant cable, terminated in the NFI UK harsh environment 6 or 12 way Fibre Optic Connector. The remote end can also be connected with an identical connector or single ST or FC connectors.

The connector is fitted with a rugged cable retention fixing which is manufactured specifically to fit on to both the central strength member and armour of the cable. The unit is resin filled after assembly to provide additional impact resistance to the fibres. Each connector is supplied with a rubber impact cap, which also protects against shock damage.

All flexible umbilical cables and connectors undergo a drop test as well as the normal insertion loss tests prior to despatch.



Image shows free end male 6 way connector

Specification

Material: Body Material: Sleeves Material: Protection Cap Optical coupling method Signal arrangement

Protection

Connection loss Tensile strength Certification

Mounted within IP56 enclosure with hydraulic "0"ring seal on cap<1dB insertion loss</td>>1000NVibrationEN61300 - 2.1Mating DurabilityEN61300 - 2.2Cable RetentionEN61300 - 2.4CertifyingEN61300 - 3.1authority DNV

Female Fibre Optic Connector

These connectors are 6 or 12 way and are panel mounted with a solid 316 stainless supporting securing ring to the rear, mounted inside the enclosure. The flange includes an internal and external rubber gasket for complete water tight sealing. The connector is normally terminated in ruggedized tails with ST or FC connectors as required. Tails can be to any required length.

The connector body is resin filled after assembly to provide additional impact/vibration resistance to the fibres. Each connector is supplied with a 316 Stainless Steel sealing cap.

All flexible umbilical cables and connectors undergo an impact as well as the normal insertion loss tests prior to despatch.



Image shows bulkhead mount female 6 way connector

316 Stainless Steel

Specification

Material: Body Material: Sleeves Material: Protection Cap Optical coupling method Signal arrangement

Phosphor Bronze316 Stainless SteelFull ceramic ferrule FC single mode typeFerrule no: 1-6As RequiredFerrule no: 1-12As Required

Protection

Connection loss Tensile strength Certification Mounted within IP56 enclosure with hydraulic "0" ring seal on cap <1dB insertion loss >1000N Vibration EN61300 - 2.1 Test House Mating Durability EN61300 - 2.2 TUV Cable Retention EN61300 - 2.4 Certifying EN61300 - 3.1 authority DNV

Fibre Optic Cable - Optical Characteristics

MULTIMODE

Attenuation Bandwidth Minimum bend radius Tension strength Overall diameter Transmission band Weight Core Diameter Marking less than 2.8 dB / km at 850 nm greater than 200 MHz.km at 850 nm 150 mm 400 kg 20 mm 200 MHz.km 450 kg/km 50/125μm NFI FIRE RESISTANT 6 FIBRE 50/125 MICRON CABLE DO NOT CUT + length marking Tested to IEC 331 modified for optic cable. ABS Certificate no P1363100

Certification

SINGLEMODE

Attenuation

Optical characteristics Minimum bend radius Tension strength Overall diameter Weight Core Diameter Marking ≤0.36 dB / km at 1310nm ≤0.23 dB / km at 1550nm Standard SM fibre - See fibre data sheet 150 mm 400 kg 20 mm 450 kg/km 9/125µm NFI FIRE RESISTANT 6/12 FIBRE 9/125 MICRON CABLE DO NOT CUT + length marking Tested to IEC 331 modified for optic cable. ABS Certificate no P1363100

Certification

CENTRAL STRENGTH MEMBER DIA 2.0MM INSULATION DIA 6.6MM INNER SHEATH DIA 14.4MM DUTER SHEATH DIA 20.0MM



Illustration shows a 6 fibre cable with 6no fillers. 12 fibre version is of identical construction but fillers are replaced with fibres.