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3M Introduces New CompactFlash brand Type II Card Ejectors For Long Guide CFII Headers

AUSTIN, Texas – July 6, 2006 – PCB designers can obtain greater design flexibility using three new CompactFlash (CF) Type I and II card ejector designs from the 3M Electronic Solutions Division. The ejectors can be attached to any of the already available 3M long guide CF II headers. 3M brand long guide CF II headers mate to standard CompactFlash™ Type I and II flash memory cards.

3M offers three new ejection options. The first -- an alternate button ejection configuration -- ejects from the left side when attached to a top mount header and the right side when attached to a bottom mount header. When put together with the already available standard ejector, this configuration allows designers the flexibility to put the eject button on either side of their card, regardless of board mount side. A second option, a two push-point eject configuration, uses a top mounted right button/bottom mounted left button mechanism to push against two separate points of the CF card. This option offers a smoother ejection cycle than single push point models. Lastly, there is a latching button ejection configuration, where the latching button clips onto the inserted card to provide additional card holding security. All 3M CF II ejectors are RoHS compliant.*

Different ejection options maximize flexibility when solving electronic design challenges in high end computing, consumer electronics, industrial or factory automation applications, and in amusement and gaming applications. Most often, ejectors are used in applications where CF II headers are at the edge of a PCB; however, they can also be used in storage based, internal board mount applications where customers may want to occasionally eject the CF card for service or upgrade. When added to 3M's broad line of existing CompactFlash headers and ejectors for Type I and II cards, these three new options allow even greater flexibility for designers faced with meeting the challenging requirements of today's electronics marketplace.

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