

SHELF LIFE OF CONNECTORS - STORAGE CONDITION

Connectors have to be stored under controlled conditions, to avoid packaging damage by humidity or other atmospheric precipitations

STORAGE CONDITIONS:

Connectors shall be stored in original packaging
Packaging needs to be free of any damage
Packaging must be protected from direct sunlight
Relative humidity of storage room: 50±30%
Temperature range of storage room: +5°C to +40°C

SHELF LIFE:

Unless connectors for which expiry date is indicated on the packaging, when stored as prescribed above, the shelf life of the connectors are listed below :

Tin plating products:

The shelf life of tin plating connectors is 12 months from the date of manufacturing

Silver plating products:

The shelf life of silver plating connectors is 12 months from the date of manufacturing

Gold plated products : 36 months

The shelf life of gold plating connectors is 36 months from the date of manufacturing

For connectors with solder legs, if admissible shelf life is exceeded, a solderability must be conducted. Further solderability tests must be conducted every six months to verify if the connectors are still useable.

The above are guidelines only, based on years of experience and industry standards (IPC/JEDEC)

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