

Connector Mating Tips

- Before joining connectors, inspect mating surfaces for dirt, dust, debris and bent or broken contacts.
- When mating connectors, always turn the coupling nut rather than the body.
- In general, the tighter you make the coupling mechanism, the better the performance. However, many connectors are destroyed by over-torquing the coupling nut. Paired connectors tend to be inductive due to gaps of various types.
- Use a torque wrench for mating threaded adapters or cable assembly terminations when the reciprocal connector is mounted to equipment. Over torquing of plugs can damage the instrument mounted jack and the adapter or cable connector. This will also void most equipment warranties.