

**Data connections for the factory of the future**  
**Single Pair Ethernet Solutions**  
Industrial Internet of Things



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# Single Pair Ethernet

## The network infrastructure for Industrial IIoT

In the factory of the future, machines and systems will be connected to each other consistently via a data infrastructure. These cyber-physical systems can act independently in the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), communicate in real time, and control production processes. In order to enable this, a continuous network with highperformance data connections from the sensor to the cloud is required. This pushes conventional Ethernet systems to their limits.

Single Pair Ethernet (SPE) facilitates the extension of the Ethernet to the sensor. It is compact, flexible, and enables high ranges. This means that data connections are achievable in situations where conventional Ethernet systems have reached their limits. SPE provides for the extension of existing installations and supports consistent communication based on the Ethernet protocol. Indeed, SPE is considered by Weidmüller as the missing component needed to close the current gap in the supply of standard Ethernet at field level.

SPE runs at the same transmission speeds as conventional Ethernet but with simplified 2-wire cabling technology and data lines up to 1,000 m in length. Together with other new technologies such as TSN, OPC-UA, or 5G, SPE enables both continuous IP communication between the server and the cloud, as well as supplying up to 60 Watts of power in complex IIoT solutions through PoDL (Power over Data Line).

## New, uniform SPE connector face

### A new standard for all applications

The automation community PROFIBUS & PROFINET International (PI), in which the electrical and connection technology company Weidmüller is involved as one of over 1,800 members, has implemented a uniform connector face for Single Pair Ethernet (SPE) based on key application requirements and submitted it for international standardisation. With its core technologies such as PROFIBUS and PROFINET, PI is responsible for the development of its market-leading, open standards for all fields of application in industrial production. By agreeing on a standardised connector face for Single Pair Ethernet, the industry is now taking a decisive step towards the future.

The new SPE connector system is defined in the IEC 63171-7 ed. 2 and offers a standardised mating interface for applications in the control cabinet, in the field and also for hybrid installations. Weidmüller will be expanding its product family to include solutions with this new interface. Many functions of the new connector generation are already integrated into Weidmüller connectors.



## Versatile use in different applications

### SPE applications in practice

SPE solutions are particularly suitable for infrastructures in mechanical and plant engineering, process technology, and building infrastructure – in other words, wherever data must be transmitted continuously and over long distances. With SPE, field devices, sensors and actuators can be integrated directly into an existing Ethernet environment without additional gateways and interfaces.



## Factory Automation

### Examples of the use of SPE in buildings:

Building automation systems, lighting systems, control systems for lifts and escalators, surveillance systems, access control systems, security and fire alarm systems

### Examples for industrial applications:

Industrial automation, process automation, robotics, mechanical engineering, conveyor technology, quality control, agricultural machinery



Building Infrastructure



Process Automation



Intrinsically safe process industry with Ethernet-APL



## The new standard for high demands

### Continuous communication from the sensor to the cloud

Single Pair Ethernet can transfer data and power using only one twin wire. This enables both end-to-end IP communication between server and cloud, as well as power supply in complex IIoT solutions. SPE connectors and devices therefore are particularly efficient and future-oriented and at the same time extremely compact..

**In addition to the existing connectors, switches are also available:**

#### Unmanaged Switches 10Base-T1L

The unmanaged switch offers the solution for reliable and efficient networking. It enables the bridging of large distances of up to 1,000 m through the SPE standard 10Base-T1L (10 MBit/s). Using this switch eliminates the need for subsystems or gateways, simplifying the network infrastructure and reducing complexity.

- Simple and space-saving installation, as both data transmission and power supply are provided via only one pair of wires (PoDL classes 10 - 14, up to 30 W, SCCP support).
- Weidmüller's unmanaged switch is compatible with all Ethernet and IP-based protocols and can be used universally.
- Provides a reliable and efficient way to optimise network connectivity and increase system efficiency.





## SPE connectors for the industry

### Advantages of SPE connectors at a glance

The market requirements for data connectors in the field level are:

- Smallest, most compact design
- Easy to connect / safe, fast installation
- High robustness for use in industrial environments
- Future-proof through international standards

#### Miniaturisation



#### Industrial suitability

Simplicity

Future-proof



## Miniaturisation

### Particularly compact

### Miniaturisation of SPE connectors according to IEC 63171-2

Weidmüller has been developing user-friendly connectors for industrial use, according to IEC63171-2. With a pitch of 7.62mm the compact connector system saves up to 50% space in comparison to RJ45 interfaces. The vertical arrangement of the two contacts allows a very high packing density. This enables device manufacturers to save valuable space on the PCB and to build smaller devices. This reduces port costs in device construction and effectively saves space in the control cabinet.

#### Small mating face

- Currently the smallest mating face according to IEC 63171 on the market

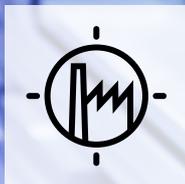
#### High packing density

- Double the packing density compared to RJ45 connectors
- Doubling of the interfaces with the same housing contour
- Only 20% of the volume of an RJ45 jack
- Minimum space requirement in the device

#### Easy IP67-integration

- Can be integrated into standard M8 housings and connectors as with I/O-Link or PROFINET
- M8 connectors with male and female contacts available
- Front and rear panel mounting with male and female contacts supported
- Simple integration in M8 sensors
- Inverse M8 system possible





## Industrial suitability

### Made for highest demands

#### The industrial suitability of SPE connectors

Originally developed for automotive applications, the aim of single pair ethernet technology was to realise the most efficient infrastructure capable of delivering high performance with as little cabling as possible. There are similar expectations within industry applications and building automation where the number of intelligent end devices in the plant is increasing but the amount of available space is not. Weidmüller SPE connector solutions deliver long cable lengths, a compact design that is simple, robust and vibration-proof, as well as being insensitive to electromagnetic influences.

#### Mechanical robustness

- Robust metal housing with metal snap-in hooks
- Safe industrial double contacting compared to single-sided contacting RJ45
- Shock resistant and vibration resistant according to IEC 60068
- Stable latching with lateral forces

#### EMC Compatibility

- Coupling attenuation at 600 MHz according to IEEE 802.3
- Additional burst test according to IEC 61000-6-2
- Optimum shield connection on the PCB due to four symmetrical legs

#### Industrial suitability

- PCB connectors for environments up to pollution degree 2
- Impulse voltage strength of 2.25 kV according to IEEE 802.3
- Optimum contact distance for 100 Ohm systems





## Simplicity

### Easy to use

#### The simplicity of SPE connectors

Ethernet technology is too complex for many industrial applications. SPE components are clearly superior due to their simplicity. Compared to four-pair Ethernet, installation is less difficult and allows a significant reduction in space and weight. SPE connectors also enable robust cabling in a short time. At the same time, they offer extended cable lengths in an extremely compact design.

#### Proven locking mechanism

- Industry standard plugs and sockets with metal Snap-in hooks locking
- Known locking and unlocking mechanism as for RJ45 connectors
- High holding force (> 50 N)

#### Tool-free installation

- Well proven IDC connection technology
- Simple assembly due to a two-part connector
- Clear colour coding to prevent miswiring
- Suitable for all commercially available SPE cables

#### Easy integration

- Trouble-free integration into M8 housings and connectors
- Compatibility of IP20 and IP67 variants
- Optional use of the IP20 connector as service connector for devices with M8 IP67 interfaces





## Future-proof

# Ready for the challenges of tomorrow

## Future-proof SPE connectors

SPE is the next milestone in network technology, as it enables continuous intelligent networking across all levels. SPE is scalable, deterministic, and fully compatible, allowing all components to communicate with each other. As a comprehensive key technology for applications in the field of Industry 4.0 and IIoT, it will form the core of a wide range of industrial applications in the future.

### Extensive support

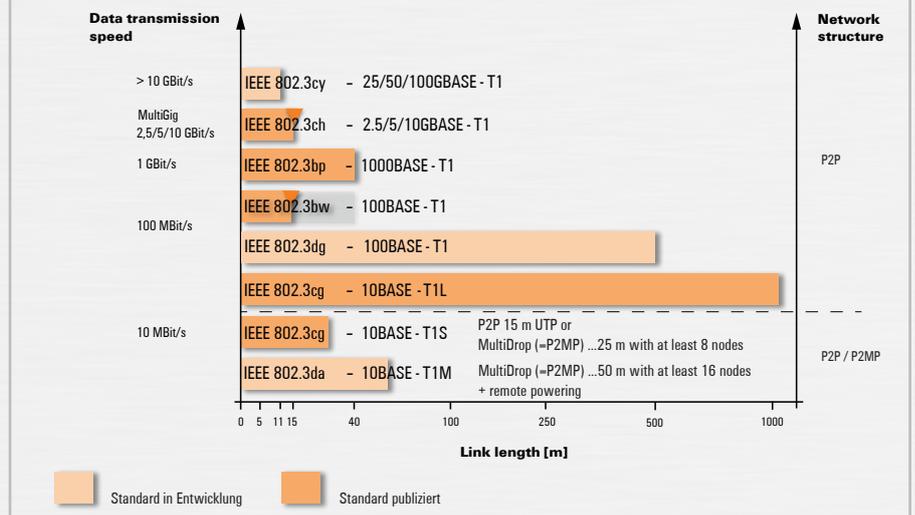
The SPE product family is already supported by several well-known connector manufacturers, which have joined together to form the Single Pair Ethernet System Alliance. This collaboration, with leading technology companies from a wide range of markets and application areas, means that the level of combined technological competence will result in unprecedented and lasting benefits for all users.

### Suitable for low to high transmission rates

The compact SPE interface is suitable for various Ethernet applications with transfer rates from 10 MBit/s to 1 GBit/s. Simulations confirm a bandwidth of up to 2.5 GHz – this corresponds to the new Ethernet transmission standard IEEE 802.3ch, which is currently under development for up to 10 GBit/s.

## Übersicht IEEE802.3 SPE Protokolle

Weitere SPE Standards in Bearbeitung - Ausblick bis 2024/25





# Single Pair Ethernet System Alliance

## On the path to a uniform market standard The SPE System Alliance and its objectives

The Single Pair Ethernet System Alliance is an open consortium of leading technology companies and scientific organisations from various industries and fields of application. Manufacturers of sensors, cables, connectors, measuring devices, semiconductors, switches and end devices work together to establish SPE solutions for a wide range of applications.

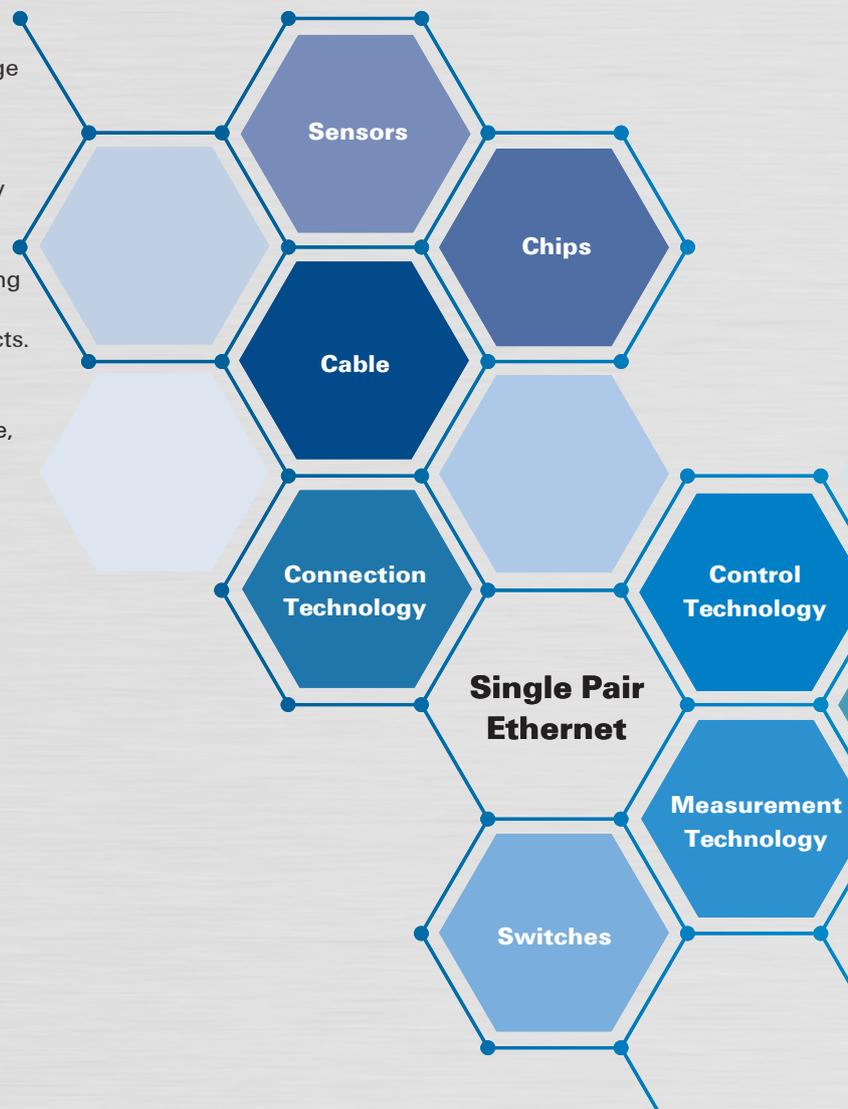
### The mission:

- Promoting exchange between experts from a wide range of technology areas.
- Building up know-how for fast and reliable technology implementation.
- Demonstrating the holistic benefits of the Ethernet-only approach.
- Developing a proof of concept for SPE interoperability.
- Raising public awareness of SPE by increasing marketing efforts, growing membership, collaborating with other SPE organisations and facilitating access to SPE products.

### The goal:

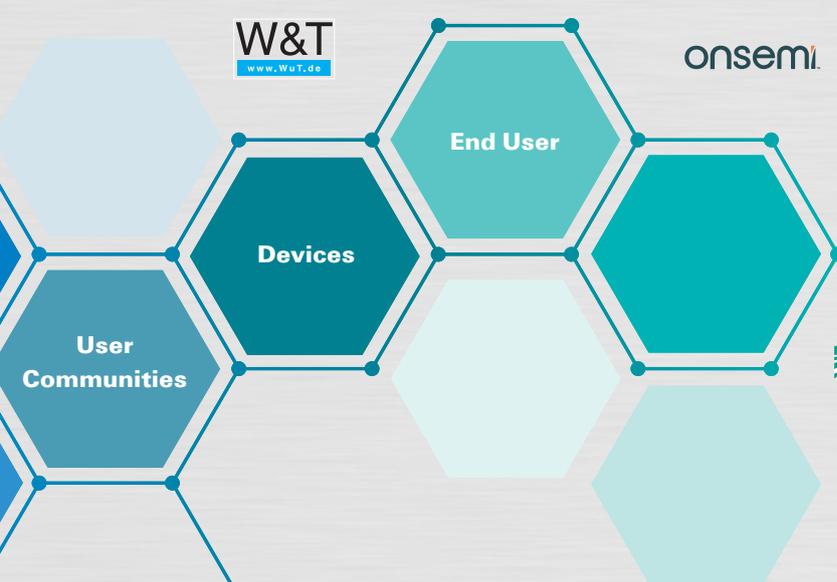
Achieving technical maturity and a broad market acceptance, providing users with the highest level of future security.

Further information about the SPE System Alliance can be found at [www.singlepairethernet.com](http://www.singlepairethernet.com)



# Members

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# Single Pair Ethernet Solutions acc. to IEC 63171-2 and -5

## Ordering data

### Switches

	Type	Versions	Qty.	Order No.
	IE-SW-SPE05-4T1LMP0DL-1TX	Network switch, unmanaged, Fast Ethernet, 10BaseT1L, Number of ports: 1x RJ45, 4x SPE port acc. to IEC 63171-2, IP30	1	3012120000

### SPE cabling

	Type	Versions	Qty.	Order No.
	IE-S1DS2VE0010T02T02-E	Patch cable, IP 20, Female-Female, 1m	1	3123990010
	IE-S1DS2VE0020T02T02-E	Patch cable, IP 20, Female-Female, 2m	1	3123990020
	IE-S1DS2VE0030T02T02-E	Patch cable, IP 20, Female-Female, 3m	1	3123990030
	IE-S1DS2VE0050T02T02-E	Patch cable, IP 20, Female-Female, 5m	1	3123990050
	IE-S1DS2VE0020TM1TM1-E	Patch cable overmoulded, M8 IP 67, Female-Female, 2m	1	2726050020
	IE-S1DS2VE0050TM1TM1-E	Patch cable overmoulded, M8 IP 67, Female-Female, 5m	1	2726050050
	IE-S1DS2VE0100TM1TM1-E	Patch cable overmoulded, M8 IP 67, Female-Female, 10m	1	2726050100
	IE-S1DS2VE0150TM1TM1-E	Patch cable overmoulded, M8 IP 67, Female-Female, 15m	1	2726050150
	IE-S1DS2VE0020TM1TM2-E	Patch cable overmoulded, M8 IP 67, Female-Male, 2m	1	2726060020
	IE-S1DS2VE0020TM2TM2-E	Patch cable overmoulded, M8 IP 67, Male-Male, 2m	1	2726070020

Other lengths in the online catalogue and on request

### Connecting components

	Type	Versions	Qty.	Order No.
	IE-PS-SP0-S-FH-180	Field attachable plug IP20, Female	1	2726040000
	IE-BI-SP0-C	SPE IP20 coupling, Male, for installation in service interface FrontCom® Vario	10	2861260000
	IE-FCM-SP0-C	FrontCom® Micro Service interface IP65 with SPE coupling, Male	1	2870820000
	IE-TO-SP0-C-LP	DIN rail outlets IP20 with SPE coupling, Male	1	2870790000

Note: Shown products are acc. to IEC 63171-2 and -5. First products compliant with IEC 63171-7 will be available after the standard is published.

## PCB components

	Type	Versions	Qty.	Order No.
	IE-PCB-SPO-P-90V-THR	PCB connector, IP20, 90°, THR Male	100	2726010000
	IE-PCB-SPO-P-90V-THR-YG/YG	PCB connector, IP20, 90°, LED, THR, Male	100	2795120000
	IE-PCB-SPO-P-180V-THR	PCB connector, IP 20, 180°, THR, Male	100	2795170000
	IE-BHD-SPE-M8-OT-PP	M8 Device housing, front panel mounting	10	2726020000
	IE-BHD-SPE-BP-CN-M10X0.75	Locknut for M8 socket housing	10	2739640000
	IE-BHD-SPE-M8-OT-BP	M8 Device housing, back panel mounting	20	2726030000
	IE-PCB-SPM-P-180-THR	M8 SPE insert, 180°, THR, Male	100	2735920000
	E-PCB-SPM-P-180-SMD	M8 SPE insert, 180°, SMD, Male	100	2795110000
	IE-PCB-SPM-P-90-THR	M8 SPE insert, 90°, THR, Male	100	2795100000
	LM SPE 5.08/02/135 3.5SN OR BX	PCB terminal block, 5.08 mm, number of poles: 2, 135°, Tension clamp connection connection	500	3089370000
	LM SPE 5.08/03/135 3.5SN OR BX	PCB terminal block, 5.08 mm, number of poles: 3, 135°, Tension clamp connection connection	500	3089380000
	LSF-SMT SPE 3.50/02/135 3.5SN BK TU	PCB terminal block, 3.50 mm, number of poles: 2, 135°, PUSH IN	71	3077550000
	LSF-SMT SPE 3.50/03/135 3.5SN BK TU	PCB terminal block, 3.50 mm, number of poles: 3, 135°, PUSH IN	49	3077560000
	LSF-SMT SPE 5.00/02/135 3.5SN BK TU	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 2, 135°, PUSH IN	60	3077570000
	LSF-SMT SPE 5.00/03/135 3.5SN BK TU	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 3, 135°, PUSH IN	39	3077630000
	MTS SPE 5/02 H T4 B T	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 2, 90°, SNAP IN	44	3095900000
	MTS SPE 5/03 H T4 B T	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 3, 90°, SNAP IN	31	3095910000
	MTS SPE 5/02 V T4 B T	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 2, 180°, SNAP IN	44	3095920000
	MTS SPE 5/03 V T4 B T	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 3, 180°, SNAP IN	31	3095980000

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## Ethernet-APL

### The two-wire solution for the process industry



Ethernet-compatible interfaces are increasingly needed in the process industry to access data from the field via IIoT. More and timely information is required from sensors and devices, even over long distances. This requires the integration of IIoT devices into the network infrastructure.

Ethernet-APL as an internationally standardised two-wire solution enables direct access right down to the field and device level. This leads to increased system availability and access to production data.

#### Advantages of Ethernet-APL

- High data rates: 10 Mbit/s communication with ranges of up to 1,000 m in accordance with IEEE 802.3cg-2019.
- PoDL (Power over data line): Supports remote power supply in accordance with IEEE 802.3bu.
- Direct connection to field devices: Integration of sensors and actuators.
- Scalability: Ideal for networking small to large industrial systems.
- Increased system availability through information on individual devices.
- No gateway required between field and company IT.





# Ethernet-APL and Single Pair Ethernet in comparison

## What is the difference between APL and SPE?

### IEEE 802.3 cg Standards

APL 10BASE-T1L with 2-WISE		SPE 10BASE-T1L with PoDL			
Heavy Process	Light Process	Factory Automation	Logistics / Warehousing	Building Automation	Others
Oil & Gas Chemical Pharma	Water / Waste Water Pharma Food & Beverage	Industrial Automation Robotics, Process Automation	Conveyor Technology, Quality Control	Lighting-, Control Systems Monitoring Access Control	

While SPE primarily addresses industrial factory automation and building infrastructure, APL is aimed at the process industry with consideration of additional intrinsic safety for use in explosion-protected areas

### Ethernet in Industry Applications

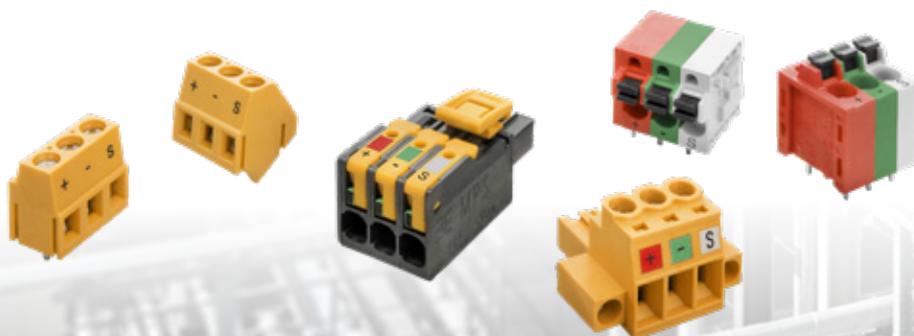
	Ethernet-APL	Single Pair Ethernet
<b>Technology</b>	Two-wire technology	Two-wire technology
<b>Ethernet Standards</b>	10BASE-T1L, IEC TS 60079-47 (2-WISE)	10BASE-T1S, 10BASE-T1L, 100BASE-T1, 1000BASE-T1
<b>Data transmission</b>	10 Mbit/s	10 Mbit/s up to 10 Gbit/s
<b>Power Transmission</b>	2-WISE (2-Wire Intrinsically Safe Ethernet) power supply limits current in hazardous areas, supports various power levels, and minimizes sparking.	PoDL (Power over Dateline) transmits up to 50W over a single pair
<b>Cable / conductor length</b>	Up to 1,000 m	15 to 1,000 m
<b>Main application</b>	Process industry	Factory automation and building infrastructure
<b>Special features</b>	The extension of the 10BASE-T1L standard in accordance with IEEE 802.3cg includes additional safety precautions that are specially tailored to the needs of the process industry in potentially explosive atmospheres.	Miniaturisation, industrial suitability, simplicity, future-proofing
<b>Connection technology</b>	Classic terminal blocks with screw or tension spring connection, like Omnimate® PCB components, built-in and field-attachable connectors (M12).	Connectors with miniaturised mating faces, patch cables, field attachable plugs, M8 adapters as well as IP20 and IP67 sockets in different outlet directions.

# Ethernet-APL Solutions

## Ordering data

### PCB components

	Type	Versions	Qty.	Order No.
	LMF APL 5.00/03/180 3.5SN BX	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 3, 180°, PUSH IN	90	2873470000
	LMF APL 5.00/03/90 3.5SN BX	PCB terminal block, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 3, 90°, PUSH IN	90	2873480000
	LM APL 5.08/03/135 3.5SN OR BX	PCB terminal block, 5.08 mm, number of poles: 3, 135°, tension clamp connection	500	2873490000
	LM APL 5.08/03/90 3.5SN OR BX	PCB terminal block, 5.08 mm, number of poles: 3, 90°, tension clamp connection	500	2873500000
	BLZP APL 5.00HC/03/180F SN OR BX	PCB connector, female connector, 5.00 mm, number of poles: 3, 180°, tension clamp connection	72	2872550000
	MPS APL 5/03 S F2 TN B B D D	PCB connector, female connector, 5.00 mm, number of poles 3, 180°, SNAP IN	114	8000094097



## M12 connectors

	Type	Versions	Qty.	Order No.
	SAIBM-4/8S-M12 4P A-ZF	Field attachable plug connector, M12, socket, straight	1	1784740002
	SAISM-4/8S-M12 4P A-ZF	Field attachable connector, M12, male, straight	1	1304280000
	SAIE-M12S-4-0.5U-PG9	Built-in connector, M12, male, straight, mounting thread: PG 9, number of poles: 4, wire/cable length: 0.5 m, front panel mounting	1	1861220000
	SAIE-M12B-4-0.5U-PG9	Built-in plug, M12, female, straight, mounting thread: PG 9, no. of poles: 4, wire/cable length: 0.5 m, front panel mounting	1	1861250000

## Accessories

	Type	Versions	Qty.	Order No.
	SH ETH U	Shielding bracket, accessories, screw flange, galvanised, silver-grey, box	25	2903230000

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