



# Panel Interface Connectors



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# Panel Interface Connectors Overview

## What is a Panel Interface Connector?

A panel interface connector (PIC) installs on an enclosure and provides a combination of power and data outlets, ports, and connectors, which serve as an extension for a PLC or other control device mounted within the enclosure.

These panel interface connectors act as a pass-through unit that allows an operator to interface with the PLC or other devices without opening the enclosure door.

PICs are available in various formats that may include a combination of single, duplex or GFCI power outlets, and connectors such as D-Sub, RJ45, RJ12, USB, Ethernet, and Data Highway™.

## Reasons to use a Panel Interface Connector

- Provides easy access to internal equipment without opening the enclosure
- Reduces the risk of electrical shock
- Protects enclosure components from hazards and atmospheric conditions
- Eliminates the need for special equipment, tools, or protective clothing that may be required when accessing electrical enclosures capable of producing an arc flash\*, per NFPA 70E requirements.

\* An arc flash is a current arc resulting from an electrical fault which causes the current to flow through the air between two live conductors, or a conductor and a ground, resulting in a short circuit.



Enclosure with a ZP-PDA-32-302 Panel Interface Connector

# ZIPport Panel Interface Connectors



## Rugged Aluminum Industrial Panel Interface Connectors

- Epoxy-coated die-cast aluminum housing
- Thermo-plastic Elastomer (TPE) gasket
- Wide selection of connection types
- All D-Sub connectors are FEMALE EXTERIOR and MALE INTERIOR referenced to the cabinet
- 9-pin D-Sub pin configurations allow the D-Sub to be separated into individual lines, which allows connection to the D-Sub using screw terminal connections
- Units configured for Allen Bradley's\*\* Data Highway system available. \*Registered trademark of Allen Bradley Company, LLC
- Standard 3 Amp reset circuit breaker to limit the power output
- NEMA / UL Type 12, 4, & 4x
- IP65
- UL file number E495019 and CE

## Panel Interface Connector Types Available

- Power PICs with:
  - » Single power outlet
  - » Duplex power outlet
  - » GFCI power outlet
- Interface PIC units are available in various combinations of power outlets and communication ports needed for most typical control panels
- Communication PICs with:
  - » D-Sub
  - » RJ45
  - » RJ12
  - » USB
  - » Ethernet
  - » Data Highway connections
- No-power PIC units also available



## Modlink Panel Interface Connectors

### Build Your own Panel Interface Connector

With Modlink panel interface components you can build your own panel interface connector designed for your specific application. This easy-to-assemble modular system allows selection of the best insert(s) for your application, a frame to mount the insert(s), and an optional touch protection cover, to create a custom data and power interface connector.

#### Step 1

Select from nine pre-configured Modlink panel interface inserts that best fit your application.



- Various inserts with data and power combinations
- Two identification tags per insert
- Ports available include RJ45 Cat5e; female/male 15-pin D-Sub HD15; female/female USB-A; female/female 9-pin D-Sub; RJ12; single 120VAC outlet; 3A circuit breaker; and a blank plate

#### Step 2

Select a single or double frame to be used to mount the selected insert(s).



- Available in single or double models with transparent, metallic, or gray covers
- Integrated spring provides quick visual if left open
- Locking plug-in knob mechanism ensures sealed protection
- Frames are mounted directly on enclosure opening - IP65 protection



#### Step 3

Select a single or double touch protection cover to provide additional protection.



- Available in single or double ABS black plastic covers
- Touch protection cover provides IP20 protection inside