Model 1120 Pin Puller

The same Split-Spool technology that made EBAD the global leader in non- pyrotechnical Hold Down & Release Mechanisms is also available in EBAD’s NEA® Pin Puller mechanisms. The NEA® Model 1120 Pin Puller can provide pull forces from 50 N to 90 N (11 lbf to 20 lbf).

Principle of Operation

The NEA® Pin Puller consists of a spring-loaded plunger that is restrained using the same patented split-spool and bridge wire technology used in our Hold Down & Release Mechanisms. The spool subassembly includes two spool halves which are held together by a tight winding of a restraining wire that terminates in a bridge wire connecting two electrical terminals at the electrical interface to the device. The spool assembly, by virtue of the restraining wire winding, can prevent axial motion of the plunger. When sufficient electrical current is passed through the terminals and the bridge wire, the bridge wire heats up and breaks under the applied tension load. This allows the restraining wire to unwind, separating the spool halves and releasing the spring-loaded plunger.

The actuation method is simple and reliable and forms the basis of actuation for many of EBAD’s other products including: Release Mechanisms, Battery Cell Bypass Switches and Non-Pyrotechnic Valves.

Applications

Typical applications include:
- Antennas
- Scientific instruments
- Solar arrays
- Reflectors
- Satellite, spacecraft payloads
- Booms and masts
- Stage separation
- Caging mechanisms

Key Features

- Extremely low release shock
- Redundant or non-redundant actuation circuit
- Near simultaneous release of multiple hold-down points (<10 ms)
- Can be operated with pyrotechnic initiation circuitry
- Range safety friendly
- Space-rated materials
- Factory refurbishment

Model 1120 Technical Specifications

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Capability</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pull Force at Beginning of Stroke</td>
<td>90 N (20 lbf)</td>
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<td>50 N (11 lbf)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fuse Wire Resistance</td>
<td>0.95 to 1.6 Ω @ 25°C</td>
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<td>Actuation Current&lt;sup&gt;iii&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>4 Amps for 25 ms</td>
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<td>No-Fire Current&lt;sup&gt;ii&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>≤400 mA</td>
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<td>Release Time&lt;sup&gt;iii&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>≤50 ms</td>
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<td>Qualification Temperature Range</td>
<td>-60°C to +150°C</td>
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<td>Mass&lt;sup&gt;iii&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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Notes:
1. Actuation can be achieved using a range of current, the value in the table is the value used for qualifying this device.
2. No-fire current for 5 minutes or less at ambient temperature, consult EBAD applications engineers for other no-fire current requirements.
3. Release time is dependent on actuation current, contact applications engineering for more specific information on actuation time as a function of current.
4. The values presented for qualification temperature range are not a measure of the limits of the device.
5. Mass does not include harnessing and lead wires.

Model 1120 Pin Puller Mechanical Interface Drawing