

Molex's Category 2[†], full-duplex Micro HDMI-to-HDMI cable assemblies with Ethernet Channel and Audio Return Channel functions provide the one-cable connectivity required for IP-based, networked home-entertainment devices, eliminating the need for separate Ethernet and audio upstream processing and playback cables

With the release of the HDMI 1.4 Revision Specification, a new feature known as the HDMI Ethernet Channel and Audio Return Channel has been added to the features of the HDMI cable to allow bi-directional, high-bandwidth, high-audio throughput communication between HDMI-enabled home theater and consumer electronics devices.

The Ethernet Channel is a data channel in the HDMI cable that allows connected devices such as notebooks or netbooks to send and receive data at Ethernet speeds of up to 100Mbps across HDMI-enabled home entertainment devices such as HDTVs, gaming consoles, Blu-ray[‡] Disc players, digital TVs and hand-held video recorders.

This functionality allows internet-enabled HDMI devices to share an internet connection via the cable as well as exchange digital content in their native formats, making recording, storage and playback across these networked devices possible without the need for a separate Ethernet cable.

Originally, the HDMI cable was a 'uni-directional' audio/ video data interface from the HDMI source device – DVD players, set-top boxes – to the TV sink device – a digital TV, for example. In broadcast applications, audio received by a digital TV tuner must be transmitted back to the A/V receiver – a home theater system, say – for decoding and playback of sounds using a separate S/PDIF (audio) cable. With the Audio Return Channel added to the Specification, the cable that sent audio signals from an A/V receiver to the TV now allows audio signals to be sent back to the source device thereby eliminating the need for a separate audio cable.

Molex's series 68786 Category 2-speed HDMI Ethernet Channel and Audio Return Channel cable assemblies provide the 'upstream' audio processing and playback capability needed for an enhanced digital video and audio experience of networked home-theater systems, with reduced hardware (cabling) costs.

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HDMI* Micro Connectors

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

HDMI Ethernet Channel

- Combines video, audio and data streams into a single HDMI cable to provide unmatched signal quality, convenience and control for home-entertainment networking; and supports high screen-resolutions of 1080p/60Hz and above at 340MHz clock rate
- Enables high-speed, two-way communication between HDMI-enabled devices up to 100Mbps Ethernet speed, making them instantly ready for any IP-based application such as UPnP[§], IPTV^{**}, LiquidHD^{††}, DLNA^{‡‡} and others
- Allows internet-enabled HDMI entertainment devices such as gaming consoles, Blu-ray Disc players, digital TVs, and others, to share an internet connection via this high-speed cable without the need for a separate Ethernet cable (Remark: An integral router device is required in the network)

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†CAT2 (short form for Category 2) speed supports cable transmission rates of up to 340 MHz cable transmission; compared with Category 1 speed of 74.25 MHz

‡ Blu-ray, SUPnP, **IPTV, †† LiquidHD, ‡‡DLNA, §§Dolby Digital, ***DTS, †††PCM Audio are trademarks, registered trademarks or service marks are properties of their respective owners in the United States and/or other countries.

Audio Return Channel

- Enables a maximum audio throughput of 36.86 Mbps while supporting all audio formats that can be sent through traditional S/PDIF audio connection including Dolby Digital^{§§}, DTS^{***} and PCM^{†††} audio
- Provides audio transport from HD TV, recorders and other source devices (set-top-boxes for example) to A/V receivers by combining upstream audio capability into a single HDMI cable without the need for a separate (S/PDIF) audio cable for 'upstream' processing and playback (Remark: HDMI 1.4 Specification incorporates S/PDIF capability into the cable)
- Contributes to a 'greener' environment and delivers aesthetic advantages to the networked home-entertainment systems with less cables used

SPECIFICATIONS

Reference Information

Packaging: Bag
 UL File No.: E72548
 CSA File No.: 152154
 Mates With
 : Series 46765 HDMI Connectors
 Designed In: mm
 RoHS: Yes
 Halogen free
 : No but customizable according to the requirements of the customer if needed
 Glow Wire Compliant: No

Electrical

Voltage (max.): 30V
 Current (max.): 0.8A
 Intra-skew pair (max.): 111ps
 *Differential impedance: 100ohms \pm 15% (connection point and transition area: up to 1ns):100ohms \pm 10% (cable area 1–2.5ns)
 Common Mode Impedance
 : 30ohms \pm 20%
 (cable area 1– 2.5ns)

Mechanical

Cable Flex
 : 100 cycles in each of two planes
 Wrenching Strength
 (Mated connectors)
 : 0-20N (Plug or Receptacle)
 : 20-40N (Receptacle)
 Cable Pull-out Force (1 minute)
 : 49N (HDMI Plug)
 : 40N (Micro HDMI Plug)

Physical

Shielding: Fully-shielded
 Cable Plug Dimensions (Type D)
 : 10.0(W) by 7.0(H) by 24.27(L) mm
 Operating Temperature: -20 to +80°C

*A single excursion is permitted out to a max/min of 100ohm \pm 25% and of a duration less than 250ps

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Digital Recorder



HDTV



Gaming Console



Camcorder



Netbook

MARKETS AND APPLICATIONS

- Networked home-entertainment systems
- HD TVs
- Gaming consoles
- Digital recorders
- Blu-ray disc players
- Set-top-boxes
- Internet-enabled electronic devices
- Notebooks
- Netbooks

ORDERING INFORMATION

Order No.	AWG	Cable Length (m / ft)	Product Description
68786-0014	32	1.0m (3.28')	Micro HDMI*-to-HDMI Cable Assembly with HDMI* Ethernet and Audio Return Channel functions, Category 2, Lead-free
68786-0015	34		
68786-0016	36		
68786-0017	32	1.5m (4.92')	
68786-0018		2.0m (6.56')	
68786-0019	34	1.5m (4.92')	
68786-0020		2.0m (6.56')	
68786-0021	36	1.5m (4.92')	
68786-0022		2.0m (6.56')	



Netbook