



Reverse-Polarised RF Coax Connectors for Wireless-LANs

Wireless networks for data transmission, so-called Wireless Local Area Networks, are becoming increasinly more important as a cost-effective alternative to UMTS or standard wired LANs. They are used in building installations as well as in the open. Normally, connectors from the N-, TNC-, and SMA-series are used as interfaces for connecting up the individual components (antennas, access points etc.) in the WLAN, whereby in the case of TNC, and SMA connectors, the use of socalled reverse-polarised designs is becoming increasingly more widespread. The term "reverse-polarised connectors" is used where, for example, a standard cable plug has a female centre contact, instead of a male centre pin. These connectors are not standardised. Nevertheless, they are used very frequently as interfaces on antennas, access points, and WLAN PC cards, so that there is a requirement for the connectors to be compatible.

The table below shows a selection of connectors with reverse polarisation which are frequently used.

