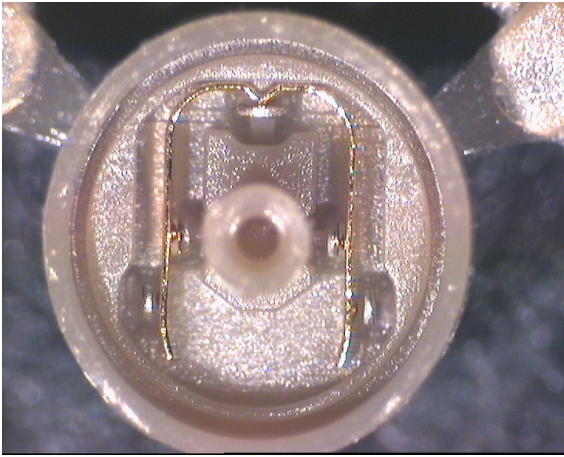
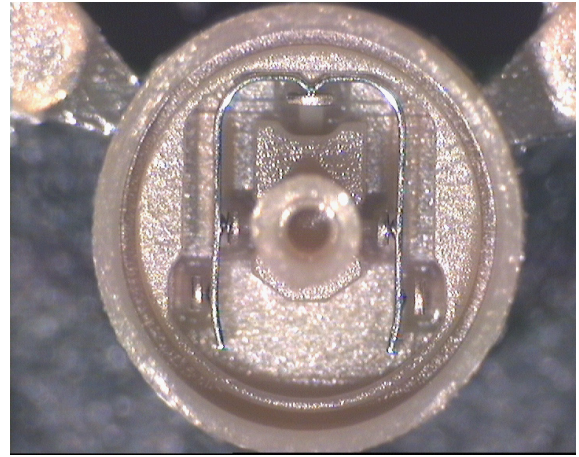


Technical Bulletin



Previous contact spring material



New contact spring material

DCU 93/193 Digital Control Unit Improved Contact Spring Material

Sonion is pleased to announce that we have improved the uniformity and corrosion resistance of our DCU 93/193 volume control! This was accomplished by changing to a superior precious/noble contact spring material (does not require plating), from a previous gold plated material.

Sonion's quality philosophy is to continuously add more value to our products to meet, or exceed the hearing instrument market needs. Corrosion due to sweat and dirt is the largest problem associated with achieving high field reliability for hearing instruments and their associated components.

The new contact spring material has been qualified according to our internal Sonion Qualification Procedures.

The improvement has generally been implemented in week 47 of 2004 and will have no influence on ordering, or your existing part numbers.

Please contact us if you have any questions, or need further information to the improvement described above. You may contact your local Sales Representative, or Customer Quality Service (CQS) for electromechanical components in Roskilde, Denmark.

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