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VALUE PLASTICS INTRODUCES GROUNDBREAKING QUICK CONNECT FITTING AT MD&M WEST

Innovative SBL Series Quick Connect Designed with Safety, Security and Reliability Top of Mind

Fort Collins, Colo. – Feb. 10, 2009 – Value Plastics, a premier OEM supplier of precision plastic components, has broken new ground in the quick connect fittings arena with the development of its newest product line – the SBL Series connector system. The plastic small-bore quick connector, which is being unveiled at Medical Design & Manufacturing West (MD&M West), Feb. 10-12, 2009 in Anaheim, Calif., is ideal for medical device designers focused on health care fluid application arenas.

Created with the end user top-of-mind, the unique, patent-pending design is intuitive, easy to use, safe, secure, and reliable. The SBL Series quick connect fittings are intended to take the guesswork out of in-hospital and consumer-operated medical equipment.

Product overview:

- Four component options in nylon and a color combination of blue and grey are available from stock.
- Options include male and female hose barbs in 1/8-inch (3.2 mm) and 3/16-inch (4.8 mm) in a straight-through flow configuration.
- The male portion includes a Buna-N o-ring, ensuring a secure seal.
- Users can interconnect the 1/8-inch and 3/16-inch options if their application requires.

To provide engineers additional design freedom, SBL Series products do not interconnect with ISO 594 luer components. In addition, the fittings can be sterilized using either ethylene oxide sterilization (EtO) or gamma techniques.

Jim Pisula, Vice President of marketing for Value Plastics, explained that the company saw a real gap in the marketplace for connectors that support health care fluid applications, particularly in terms of ease of use, safety and reliability. “Connectors should be easy to understand and use whether by professionals or by the consumer at home,” said Pisula. “Every aspect of the SBL Series – from the color selections to the quick snap fitting – was intentionally designed to cut down on the likelihood of human error and ultimately provide an added level of security for health care fluid applications.”

Value Plastics received enthusiastic feedback from one early adopter who stated, “this product is fantastic.” The customer looked at approximately 26 different solutions before selecting the SBL Series for its wound therapy application. The SBL was rated superior to all other solutions considered, including designing and molding it in-house.

For ease of testing concepts, Value Plastics offers samples in all available configurations. For samples or to order SBL Series quick connect fittings, contact Value Plastics directly. SBL Series quick connect fittings are available from Value Plastics through its direct sales force, web site, major industry catalog sources and worldwide business partners. Value Plastics, Inc., 3325 South Timberline Road, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, phone 970-267-5200, toll free in U.S.A. 888-404-5837, and fax 970-223-0953, <http://www.valueplastics.com>

About Value Plastics

Value Plastics, Inc. makes and markets an innovative line of fluid management components designed specifically for flexible tubing. Products designed and manufactured include quick connect fittings, luer fittings, check valves, tube-to-tube fittings, threaded fittings and blood pressure monitoring components. Value Plastics products find global application in demanding health care OEM, research and specialty industrial applications. For further information, please contact Will Stone, marketing communications manager, at (970) 267-5221 or wills@valueplastics.com.