COSMETIC SPECIFICATION – BATTERY CABLE LUGS (BCL)

1.0 SCOPE
This applies to all TBO un-plated (bare) copper BCL products.

2.0 PURPOSE
To define acceptability criteria for cosmetic issues.

3.0 REFERENCE MATERIAL NUMBERS
This applies to all TBO BCL products.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Copper Color: Freshly formed, copper is a beautiful rosy-pink color. Copper before long, however, will inevitably change to a darker russet-brown. Under certain circumstances, it may turn red, black or blue-green. Barely noticeable at first, copper becomes darker over time.

5.0 PROCEDURES

Workmanship, Finish and Appearance:
As-received parts shall be clean, free of dirt, scale, and other defects. The part surfaces shall be typical in appearance to that of annealed copper. Blemishes and color shade variations are natural and acceptable and do not affect the form, fit, or function of the battery cable lug.

Below are examples (not limited) of acceptable color variation for as-received parts:

Plating Appearance:
Matte tin: Matte tin has a dull, non-reflective surface that varies in color from ash-white to mid-gray. Lot-to-lot shade variations are acceptable and do not affect the form, fit, or function of the connectors.
Matte tin is inherently soft and susceptible to handling damage that can cause superficial blemishes which are easily seen by the naked eye due to non-reflective surface. Superficial blemishes do not affect the form, fit, or function of the connectors.