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**Re: Statement on EU's RoHS Directive (2002/95/EC)**

Effective July 1st 2006, the use of lead, flame retardant materials and other chemical substances in electronic components should be prohibited in all EU member states in accordance with the EU's RoHS directive.

The purpose of this statement is to advise all valued EDAC customers of our position on the RoHS portion of the EU Directive and to document our status in the process of being fully compliant.

Demonstrating our progressiveness in response to this directive, EDAC as of February 2005 has over 8,000 individual part numbers, which are in full compliance.

In order to achieve full compliance on the above mentioned part numbers, EDAC has adopted lead free plating of our contacts with pure matte tin finish. Plating specification is available upon request.

In response to customer requests on specific data relative to RoHS/Lead-Free process compatibility of products, EDAC's position will be to provide simple material statements of RoHS compliance for the product series in general. Due to the magnitude of the task and the many unique requests across our entire customer base and product range, EDAC will not perform any specific laboratory testing (not legislated) but will verify that EDAC product will comply with the industry standards and derivatives instituted by the EU under the "lead-free" directive.

EDAC recognizes this transition to be a challenge for both customer and supplier. In the interim of existing lead bearing, tin/lead plated and future lead-free products, EDAC products should be considered backward compatible with carefully controlled manual and machine (wave) soldering processes, utilizing the correct solder alloys and considering the product's temperature sensitivity. EDAC has successfully completed a backward compatibility test that is available upon request.

In an effort to minimize the administrative task this directive brings to both customer and suppliers, EDAC's part numbers for the "lead-free" products will be identical to that of the existing leaded products. This decision is based upon the intention to convert all standard EDAC products to lead-free product. In the interest of those customers who are exempt and require the leaded product, those products will be given a new part number, which will distinguish them from the lead-free product.

Currently EDAC is labeling its lead-free product on the smallest package size sent to the customer. As there is no generally accepted industry standard for labeling RoHS and JEITA ETR-7021 does not address this issue, EDAC will continue to label as indicated above but reserves the right to change where the label may be displayed.

EDAC wants to assure our customers, that as a globally active company, we recognize the need to implement and comply with this legislation before the effective date of July 2006.



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