

Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive

(Directive 2002/95/EC, dated 27 January, 2003)

We appreciate the environmental concern and corporate responsibility that prompt requests about the contents of our products and subcomponents.

As a global manufacturer, seller, and leader in the marketplace, we stay current with international regulations, support the RoHS Directive, and have already taken some steps and planned others to be in complete compliance with it ahead of the July 2006 deadline. In fact, the RoHS Banned Substances list supplements the long-established list of OFS-banned substances, which includes asbestos, chlorofluorocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyls, and selected glycol ethers. *Our plan is to identify and reduce or eliminate our usage of the substances listed in the box at right to at or below permitted trace levels by June 2005.*

Additionally, OFS is or will be restricting the use of other listed substances for use as a component of, or in the manufacture of, any OFS product.

Fit, form, and function remain unchanged. Where testing was required to confirm or support this statement, it has been/will be performed prior to product release. In most cases, the only noticeable change upon elimination of the banned substances is in the cosmetic appearance of certain cable colors.

If you have additional concerns not addressed here, please contact us.

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RoHS Banned Substances

EFFECTIVE JULY 2006:

Lead

Mercury

Cadmium

Hexavalent Chromium

Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers

(PBDE)

Deca BDE, a subclass of PBDEs, is still under study and may not be banned.

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2004:

Two subclasses of PBDE:

Octabromodiphenyl ether

Pentabromodiphenyl ether

Boldface

indicates those substances previously or currently found in some OFS products and which have been or are being phased out.

OFS Restricted Substances

Antimony and its compounds (*antimony trioxide*)

Arsenic and its compounds

Beryllium and its compounds

Bismuth

Organo-tin compounds

Nickel and nickel-containing steel alloys that are in contact with skin

Phthalates in PVC

Chlorinated solvents (*carbon tetrachloride, tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, chloroparaffins, methylene chloride*)