

EU RoHS and WEEE Compliance



In February 2003, the European Union issued Directive 2002/95/EC regarding the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) and Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

The RoHS directive states that as of July 1, 2006, electrical and electronic equipment producers must restrict the use of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) in products sold in the European Union (EU). This restriction holds producers to maximum concentration values below those defined in the amendment to the RoHS Directive, Commission Decision 2005/618/EC dated August 18, 2005.

The WEEE directive requires producers of electronic equipment to facilitate the repair, upgrading, re-use or disassembly and recycling of products once at end of life. This directive also requires removal of certain substances, preparations and components from any separately collected WEEE as defined in Annex II of the WEEE directive.

Performance Technologies is committed to providing fully RoHS-compliant products to market as quickly as the supply chain will permit and no later than July 1, 2006, without regard to a potential exemption for lead provided for network infrastructure equipment (NIE) applications. In turn, the company is also committed to providing WEEE compliance data as soon as feasible, given the necessary supply chain information is made available. Products will be appropriately marked using the WEEE symbol as defined in Annex IV. Given that Performance Technologies is in many cases not considered the producer under the definitions provided by the WEEE Directive, this marking will support our customers who will be using our products within their equipment.

Products that are being converted will have their model numbers modified to indicate this change. A list of the known model number changes to date is available. If your product is not listed, please contact your local sales representative for more details. These products may only be available in a lead solder version or may have been announced as End of Life.

For more information:

- >> RoHS and WEEE Position Statements
- >> On RoHS, WEEE and the subsequent secondary legislation, including FAQ's, visit http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/waste/weee_index.htm
- >> By individual country regarding WEEE implementation, visit <http://www.buyusa.gov/europeanunion/weee.html>
- >> On Performance Technologies RoHS and WEEE compliance program, please contact rohs@pt.com

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