



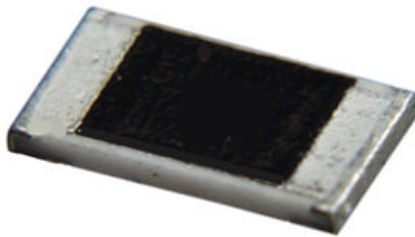
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PRESS RELEASE



RCD INTRODUCES INDUSTRY'S WIDEST RANGE OF FUSIBLE CHIP RESISTORS

Manchester, NH – August 1, 2000 – RCD Components Inc., a leading manufacturer of Resistors, Coils, and Delay lines has announced the release of a specialty line of fusible chip resistors. RCD's new series, designated 'FC' (Fusible Chip resistors), are designed to perform like conventional chip resistors under normal operating conditions, but will quickly fuse when subjected to continuous overload conditions, making them ideal for safeguarding electronic circuitry. The 'FC' Series meets both UL and EIA flameproof requirements and can eliminate potential circuit board damage and fire hazards. RCD's new line of fusible chips offers the industry's widest range of sizes and the resistance values, making it suitable for most fusing requirements.

RCD's 'FC' series is available in 7 industry-popular chip sizes from '0402' (1/16W) to '2512' (1W), in a standard resistance range from 1 Ω to 10K Ω , and tolerances of 1% and 5%. (extended resistance and tolerance ranges available on custom basis) Maximum 'Hold-Off' voltage ratings range from 50V to 400V. Typical fusing characteristics for 'FC' Series are less than 30 seconds at 15 times rated power, and can be altered to meet most custom fusing requirements.

RCD's expertise in the field of thick and thin-film chip resistors with the latest in automated chip resistor production, enables their pricing to be comparable with convention leaded fuse resistors. Typical production volume pricing is less than \$.25 each for smaller sizes and slightly higher for larger sizes.

For samples or detailed product information, contact RCD Components Inc., at 520 East Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, NH USA 03109. Phone: (603) 669-0054, Toll Free Order Hot Line: (877) RCD-COMP, Fax: (603) 669-5455. The specifications for this product may also be accessed at www.rcd-comp.com or by dialing RCD's "Fax on Demand" service at (603) 669-0054 ext. 602. (document #122)

Acknowledged throughout the electronic components industry for its service and engineering excellence, RCD Components Inc. is one of the world's leading manufacturers of Resistors, Coils, and Delay lines. RCD was founded in 1973 and is headquartered in Manchester, New Hampshire, USA. RCD continues to be one of the fastest growing passive component manufacturers due to its ABZED™ ABsolute ZERo Defect guarantee, fast turnaround on non-standard products, low prices and inventory in excess of 2 billion components.