



RESISTORS ◊ CAPS & COILS ◊ DELAY LINES

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PRESS RELEASE

RCD Provides High-Power, Flat, Low-Cost, Stackable Wirewound Resistor Series for Minimal Height Installation

Manchester, New Hampshire - August 13, 2002 - RCD Components Inc., today announced the release of a new series of wirewound resistors featuring a unique oval-shaped ceramic core construction. The specially-designed integral mounting brackets allows stackable mounting configurations for increased power ratings and minimal height installation.

The RCD series FW of wirewound resistors is optimized for surge protection, voltage division, and motor control applications in a wide variety of consumer applications. Series FWE (edgewound version) offers one of the highest size-to-power ratio in the industry, making it ideally suited for most high power applications.

Eighteen devices are currently included in the FW and FWE series, with sizes ranging from a 3.26-in length and 2.75-in spacing between the terminals to 13.11-in with a 12.6-in terminal-to-terminal spacing. Available power ratings from 40 W to 450 W and resistance from 0.1 Ω 35K Ω , in tolerances as low as 3%.

RCD's FW, and FWE devices can be used as a cost-effective and lightweight replacement for bulkier ceramic and aluminum styles resistors-allowing system designers to streamline product design and manufacturing costs.

Samples and production quantities of the FW and FWE resistors are available now, with lead times of six to eight weeks for larger orders.

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, Capacitors, Inductors, 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. And if unavailable from stock, RCD can produce almost any of their standard products within one week on its exclusive SWIFT™ delivery program.