

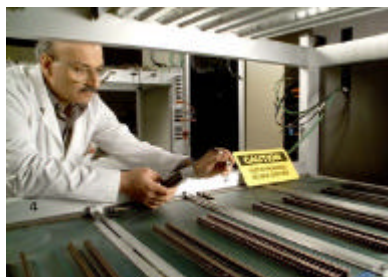


RESISTORS ◊ CAPACITORS & COILS ◊ DELAY LINES

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RCD AWARDED AS KEY SUPPLIER TO U.S. AND NATO DEFENSE CONTRACTORS FOR HIGH VOLTAGE RESISTORS



Manchester, NH – January 28, 2004 – RCD Components Inc., a leading manufacturer of passive components, today announced its latest product technology and approval to supply seven (7) new Defense drawings for high pulse voltage resistors. The parts are said to be similar to their commercial-grade CFZ Series, however the CFZ military-grade parts are processed through rigorous MIL Group A screening (DC Resistance, Visual Inspection, Mechanical Inspection,

Solderability) and optional MIL Group B screening (Life Testing, Voltage Coefficient, Dielectric Withstanding Voltage, Insulation Resistance, Pulse Resistance, Low Temperature Operation, Thermal Shock, Low Temperature Storage, Moisture Resistance, Short Time Overload, Resistance Temperature Characteristic, Terminal Strength, Resistance to Soldering Heat, and Resistance to Fungus. RCD is presently the only company that the Defense Supply Center suggests as a viable source for these parts.

RCD has a 30-year history with MIL-spec components and is a key supplier to the U.S. and NATO Defense contractors. In many cases, RCD provides customized components for applications which have requirements unachievable by ordinary MIL-spec components, such as increased voltage levels, smaller package sizes, higher operating frequency, flameproof and/or fusible, thermally stable, high temperature, pulse tolerant, high vibration, hermetically –sealed, temperature sensitive, expanded resistance ranges, low distortion, low noise, non-magnetic, etc., as well as components designed for harsh environments (tropical, naval, high-vacuum, etc). RCD's Environmental Test Lab has complete on-site test capability and is NIST traceable for utmost reliability.

RCD's latest catalog is available at no charge from <http://www.rcdcomponents.com/> or by calling 1.877.RCD-COMP (723.2667). The catalog datasheets are also downloadable from their website.

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, Coils, and Delay lines. RCD, founded in 1973, manufactures small-to-medium sized orders at its headquarters in Manchester, NH, USA. Large volume efficiency is attained at Asian, Caribbean, and European production plants. 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, and inventory in excess of 2 billion components.