

The inadvertent purchase of counterfeit components and parts is becoming an increasing risk across many industries. The substandard performance of components against expected design criteria poses a threat to the safe operation and performance of our products. In order to mitigate the risk to ATEC and our customers we will carefully select and monitor our suppliers and supply chain via implementation of this policy. To prevent the purchase of counterfeit, suspect or unapproved products, we will purchase components directly from:

- **Original Component Manufacturers (OCM)**
- **Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)**
- **Authorized Franchised Distributors**
- **Authorized After-Market Manufacturers**

The above categories of companies must provide the following documents with any purchased products

- **Certificate of Conformance back to the OEM or OCM**
- **Supply Chain Traceability and Ownership**
- **Product specification tests and inspection requirements as requested.**

We carefully select and monitor our suppliers by utilizing a variety of criteria, including rigorous inspection procedures for counterfeit detection. Criteria used to assess supplier compliance for counterfeit avoidance includes:

- **ISO 9001 Certification or Compliance (International Standards for Organizations)**
- **AS9100 Certification or compatibility (Aerospace Standard)**
- **AS5553 Compliance (Counterfeit Electronic Parts; Avoidance, Detection, Mitigation, and Disposition)**
- **AS9120 Compliance (Aerospace Requirements for Distributors)**
- **AS6081 Fraudulent/Counterfeit electronic parts avoidance, detection and disposition**

Due to an ever increasing demand for obsolete parts in the industries we serve and the products we manufacture, counterfeit has been identified as a growing risk within this market if ignored. ATEC Engineering will proactively address potential obsolescence issues, including redesign activities which are included in proposals to customers. Engineering reviews all items for end of life data as required. Where the Customer is responsible to this end we will work with them to mitigate obsolescence risk. Hard-to-find or obsolete products may not always be available from these primary sources. In such instances, it may be deemed necessary to attempt to source components through non-franchised sources. In this case we must always seek approval in writing from the design authority prior to purchase.



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