

Environmental Regulations and Compliance

Heavy Metal Free, RoHS and Prop 65

Over the past several years, increased attention has been placed upon the potential environmental impacts of electronic products. Both voluntary and regulatory measures have been taken to address some of these concerns. Already in place are California Proposition 65 and the European Union End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) and Flame Retardant Directives. The next major impact will be the European Union Restriction on Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive that will restrict the use of heavy metal substances (Lead, for example) in electronic products in July 2006. There are also several states and countries currently considering their own legislation on this topic.

The use of materials that are environmentally friendly is of growing concern to Belden, its customers and to the global community. Belden is engaged in a division-wide project to integrate into its product designs and supplier requirements a formalized program to restrict the use of these materials by January 2006. The following list of materials represents examples of substances that Belden is eliminating or reducing in certain applications:

- Asbestos and its compounds
- Cadmium and its compounds
- Chromium VI and its compounds
- Lead and its compounds
- Mercury and its compounds
- Polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs) and their ethers/oxides (PBDEs, PBDEs)
- Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)
- Penta-, Octa- BDE Brominated flame retardants

As a result of this project, many of Belden's products are now, heavy metal free and meet the requirements of both RoHS and California Proposition 65. For a more detailed definition of the above named regulations, please consult the glossary of terms located in the back of the catalog. Contact Belden Customer Service or visit www.belden.com for more specific product details and current compliance information.

RoHS Compliance

Unless so marked, cables in this catalog do not contain any of the following restricted substances, as an intentional additive, and is therefore compliant with European Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS), European Directive 2000/53/EC (ELV), European Directive 2003/11/EC (BFR), European Directive 2002/96/EC (WEEE), and California Proposition 65 Consent Judgement for Wire & Cable Manufacturers [San Francisco Superior Court Nos. 312962 and 320342] (Prop 65).

For customer convenience, Belden products that are in compliance with these directives contain the identification "ROHS" within the text of the jacket surface printing and also an environmentally friendly logo (as shown at right) on package labeling.



Substance	Maximum Concentration*
Lead	0.03%
Mercury	0.10%
Hexavalent Chromium	0.10%
PBB, PBDE**	0.10%
Cadmium	0.01%

*Per homogeneous material, as trace or contaminate amount.

**Some Belden cables may contain Decabromodiphenyl Oxide/Ether (PBDE) as a flame retardant. This substance is currently exempt from RoHS.

In addition, Belden products do not contain Asbestos and its compounds or Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP).

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