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Asia Corporate Distributor Product Managers
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Bourns® Trimpot® Product Line Announces 3224 Product Update

Bourns is pleased to announce the production of [Model 3224W](#) in our Taiwan facility. Starting on July 16, 2007, all orders from Asia for Model 3224W will be placed through Taiwan. Shipments will begin on August 1, 2007. The 3224W manufactured in Taiwan will be manufactured with our new epoxy. The new epoxy is tan in color, meets all industry-processing guidelines and is environmentally friendly.

We are making this transition to a new epoxy now as the Joint Industry Group (April 2005) lists Antimony Trioxide as a Level B material. Antimony is the flame retardant in the blue epoxy. Level B material is:

- a) a significant environmental, health or safety interest and/or
- b) would trigger hazardous waste management requirements and/or
- c) could have a negative impact on end-of-life management

Although the removal of Antimony is not a requirement, Bourns is taking a proactive position to incorporate the replacement material now.

Models 3224G and 3224J will continue to be manufactured in our Mexico facility.

New samples and test data will be available on July 16, 2007.

Regards,
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