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Notice to Bourns Customers and Potential Customers

It has come to Bourns, Inc.'s attention that counterfeit Bourns® products are appearing in the marketplace in certain countries. These counterfeit products are not manufactured by Bourns, but illegally bear the Bourns® trademark.

Purchasers of counterfeit products should be aware of the following risks:

1. *Counterfeit Manufacturers may not abide by RoHS legislation or provide compliant product;*
2. *Counterfeit Manufacturers do not abide by national and international laws protecting registered trademarks;*
3. *Counterfeit Manufacturers likely will not be willing to provide material data sheets or disclose third party material declarations; and*
4. *Counterfeit Manufacturers likely will not have reliable information on newly required tin whisker testing results.*

Buyers need to be Beware!

While we will take action against any manufacturer of counterfeit Bourns® products that we are able to identify, counterfeiters go to great lengths to conceal their identity. Buying Bourns® products from unauthorized resellers poses a risk that the purchased products might be counterfeit. If customers want to be assured of receiving the quality and performance of genuine Bourns® products, they should buy only from authorized Bourns sources. Additionally, the Bourns standard product warranty applies only to genuine Bourns® products purchased through our authorized selling network.

For our customers' protection, Bourns strongly recommends that all customers purchase Bourns® products only from authorized Bourns distributors to ensure delivery of genuine products. For a complete and up-to-date listing of authorized Bourns distributors and representatives, customers can access the following URL:

http://www.bourns.com/contact_sales.aspx

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If anyone offers to sell you counterfeit Bourns® products, we would appreciate hearing from you. One obvious indicator of a potential counterfeit product is that the seller is not an authorized distributor or representative of Bourns and the asking price for the offered product is well below what authorized resellers typically charge for the Bourns® model.

Customers who have purchased Bourns® product from a source other than our authorized network, and who are unsure whether they have received genuine Bourns® devices may verify their authenticity by contacting your local Bourns sales office and giving details of the part number, QRA Lot No and Date Code. If we suspect these devices are counterfeit, we will ask for samples to be sent to us for detailed analysis.

We should however point out that if you have purchased devices from an authorized Bourns source, you need not be concerned. At this time, we will continue to monitor for signs of counterfeiting activity and investigate as appropriate.