



Counterfeit Materials Policy

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Objective

Adder Technology aspires to manufacture and supply products of the highest technical standard, quality, and reliability. This requires all procurement endeavours to actively avoid counterfeit materials.

Counterfeit Materials

Counterfeit means something that is made to deceive or something that is marked to look like something it is not in terms of value, performance, construction, or tolerances. Counterfeiting does not just occur to high value items; it can occur in any item and especially high-volume items.

Counterfeit Materials

Currently manufactured components are only purchased through franchised distribution, authorised manufacturers or with traceable provenance of being authentic, non-refurbished materials, and in their original, un-opened packaging. Traceability of all procured components is retained for clearly defined periods in accordance with our ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System requirements.

Where components are obsolete, End-of-Life or hard to find, Adder Technology will purchase only from known and reputable sources. To mitigate our exposure to counterfeit materials, the purchasing department is to procure product through only franchised distributors. If a situation demands the need to obtain product through alternate sources such as Independent Distributors or the Broker network, we seek to purchase through only those organization that can prove membership of one or more of the following organizations:

- SIA: Semiconductor Industries Associates
- ECIA: Electronic Components Industry Association
- COG: Components Obsolescence Group (UK & Germany)
- IDEA: Independent Distributors of Electronics Association
- TECS: Chinese Reliability Electronic Components Supplier
- ERAI: Electronic Resellers Association International
- AFDEC: Association of Franchised Distribution of Electronic Components (UK)
- CEDA: China Electronics Distributor Alliance
- CCAP-101: Counterfeit Component Avoidance Program

This will be checked prior to purchase and on rare occasions where components can only be sourced via non-member companies, purchases through distributor or broker networks are subjected to an enhanced level of inspection on receipt to ensure the components' provenance and may be subject to special payment processes. Any purchasing activities sub-contracted or otherwise conducted on Adder Technology's behalf is required to adhere to this policy.

Reporting

All incidents, or suspected incidents of counterfeit materials will be investigated and reported to the supplier, or as appropriate to the normal franchisee, for alert and investigation.