

Part Number Change Announcement

As part of our continuing efforts to support our customers globally, Stackpole will be adopting a new part numbering system that will go into effect on January 3rd, 2011. There are three main reasons for the part number change:

1. It was frequently mentioned as an area for improvement in our annual customer survey
2. The current part number format, while easy to read and interpret, contains characters such as spaces, percent signs, backslashes and periods that are not accepted in part number fields in many ERP systems
3. The size designation for many surface mount products is based on power ratings that are now obsolete

The following is an example of a thick film chip resistor along with our current part number and the new global part number:

- Description: chip resistor, 0603, 3.32Kohm, 1%, 1/10W, tape and reel
- Current Stackpole part: RMCF 1/16 3.32K 1% R
- New Stackpole part: RMCF0603FT3K32

RMCF	0603	F	T	3K32
SEI Series	Size	Tolerance	Packaging	Value

We kept the new part number format as close to the existing part as possible while eliminating the problems with computer-unfriendly characters and ambiguous size designations.

We will begin accepting the new part number on January 3rd, 2011. In order to give our customers sufficient time to convert to the new part number, we will accept either part number format until December 31st, 2011. To make the transition as smooth as possible, all relevant Stackpole documentation such as packing lists, invoices, bar code labels and acknowledgements will contain both part number formats during the transition period.

We will also provide cross reference services to all our customers, converting all existing Stackpole part numbers over to the new part number. Simply send us your part number list and we will insert the new Stackpole part.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Stackpole Sales Representative, your Regional Sales Manager or email us at partnumberchange@seielect.com . We will also post any new information at www.seielect.com .