



RS Components adds 600+ Amphenol FCI connectors and cable assemblies, including newly enhanced Rotaconnect to its range

Rebranded Amphenol FCI forges stronger ties with RS

Johannesburg, South Africa, 20 October, 2016 - [RS Components](#) (RS), the trading brand of [Electrocomponents plc](#) (LSE: ECM), the global distributor for engineers, has added more than 600 [Amphenol FCI](#) connector and cable assembly product lines to its portfolio. The additions expand the RS AFCI offering to over 1700 lines, including backplane and mezzanine connectors, power connectors, power supply accessories, board-to-board and wire-to-board connectors, I/O connectors, optical interconnect, cable assemblies, terminal blocks and flexible printed circuit (FPC) connectors.

The move follows the acquisition of leading connector and cable assembly manufacturer FCI by Amphenol in June 2016, with the merged operation subsequently [rebranded as Amphenol FCI, or AFCI](#). The acquisition has served to strengthen AFCI's position as an international supplier to the telecommunications, data communications, data storage, server, consumer electronics, industrial, automotive and medical equipment, instrumentation and renewable energy markets.

A notable AFCI product addition is the Rotaconnect range of rotatable board-to-board SMT connectors, including new-to-market pegged versions designed to simplify placement.

AFCI Rotaconnect can be used to make perpendicular, coplanar and angled connections. A hermaphroditic "mates to itself" design allows mating and disengaging at any angle between +90° and -60°, so the connectors can be placed anywhere on a PCB. Typical Rotaconnect applications include control boards, sensors, actuators, rigid LED strips, automotive lighting, channel lettering and lighting luminaires.

The newest Rotaconnect product lines add locating pegs to eliminate hold-down, simplifying placement and helping electronic design engineers save space between PCB connectors.

RS is now stocking the most popular AFCI products, including the new pegged Rotaconnect range.

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About RS Components

RS Components is the market leader in the high service level distribution of electrical, electronic, mechanical, tools and industrial products. Operating in 26 countries whilst serving a further 100 through third-party distributors, RS serves every sector of industry in the procurement of their products relating to maintenance, repair, operations, low volume production, research and development.

With over 500 000 products across 2500 leading brands, the company is committed to ensuring that their 1,5 million customers have fast access to a broad, as well as deep range, of products and technologies, all under one roof.

RS's customers, whether ordering single or multiple items, experience a quick, easy, secure, painless and cost effective process. The RS catalogue, available at za.rs-online.com, offers full colour pictures with extensive clear product specifications. Free access to thousands of datasheets ensures the correct product choice. Order placement is easily facilitated through za.rs-online.com, the call centre, e-mail, fax and trade counter. Locally held stock is delivered to customers within 24 hours, and products held internationally, within four to six working days.

It is proven that departments traditionally spend 80% of their time sourcing products that account for only 20% of their total procurement spend. RS is focussed on reducing the customers "total cost of product ownership" by reducing the need to make multiple calls to various companies to source products, reducing supplier related administration and allowing for the amalgamation as well as consolidation of supplier bases. Through this process, procurement efficiency is improved and time is freed up to concentrate on the more important business decisions.

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