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Mechanical Products Company Headquarters

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RoHS Hazardous Material Initiative Update

Re: Compliance with European Directive 2002/95/EC achieved



RoHS

JACKSON, MI – August 21, 2005 - Mechanical Products Company (MP) today announced that, effective immediately, it certifies that its entire offering of circuit breakers and supplementary protectors are compliant to the anticipated final requirements of the European directive 2002/95/EC, including all currently drafted Annexes and Exceptions associated with the directive. Starting with product date coded 4305, all MP devices will be marked with the symbol at the top of this page.

The directive, effective July 1, 2006, regulates the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in electrical and electronic equipment.

The RoHS directive places stringent limitations on the following substances as used in equipment sold into the EU market:

Lead (Pb)	0.1% (1000 ppm)
Mercury (Hg)	0.1% (1000 ppm)
Cadmium (Cd)	0.01% (100 ppm)
Hexavalent Chromium (Cr+6)	0.1% (1000 ppm)
Polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) or Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE)	0.1% (1000 ppm)

These concentrations apply to homogeneous materials (materials that cannot be mechanically disjointed into separate, different materials).

There are currently a number of applications exempted for these substances as noted in the RoHS Annex and Exceptions, including (by weight): lead as an alloying element in steel up to 0.35%, aluminum containing up to 0.4% lead, copper alloys containing up to 4% lead, and cadmium and its compounds as used in electrical contacts.

About Mechanical Products

MP has been a leading supplier of thermal circuit protection since 1943. MP circuit breakers are used in thousands of critical & commercial applications ranging from medical equipment, lighting, communications, appliances, battery operated devices, recreational vehicles and electrical protection equipment. MP has been management owned since 1998, headquartered in Jackson, MI and maintains manufacturing capabilities in the US and overseas.

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