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Bourns® Trimpot® Product Line
Announces 3223 Product Change

Bourns is pleased to announce a product update to the Model 3223 trimmer. Effective September 3, 2007 with date code 736M we will phase-in a new epoxy. The new epoxy is tan in color, meets all industry-processing guidelines and is environmentally friendly.

We are making this transition now as the Joint Industry Group (April 2005) lists Antimony Trioxide as a Level B material. Antimony is the flame retardant in the blue epoxy. Level B material is:

a) a significant environmental, health or safety interest and/or
b) would trigger hazardous waste management requirements and/or
c) could have a negative impact on end-of-life management

Although removal of Antimony is not a requirement, Bourns is taking a proactive position to use a replacement material now.

There is no change in form, fit or function of the product to the G and J pin styles. The W pin style will be modified slightly. Detailed information is shown below.

We will be releasing additional models with the tan epoxy and notice will be made prior to their release.