

SimpleTech RoHS Update for Zeus Solid State Drive Products

Dear Customer,

The lead-free legislation known as RoHS or the "Directive 2002/95/EC on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment", will be enforced throughout the European Community from July 1, 2006 onward. China, Japan, the state of California, and certain global trade organizations have enacted similar or related legislation or are in the process of doing so.

The objective of RoHS is to protect human health and the environment by restricting the use of the following six substances within electrical and electronic equipment: lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls, and polybrominated diphenyl ethers.

All of SimpleTech's Zeus Solid State Drives are currently RoHS-5-compliant, which we define as being free of all the restricted substances except for lead. Lead is present in the SnPb solder and the component lead finishes.

To fully comply with RoHS and related legislation, and to continue its commitment to environmentally sound manufacturing processes, SimpleTech is in the advanced stages of a project to develop and introduce Zeus Solid State Drives that are manufactured using lead-free processes and lead-free components.

SimpleTech has performed extensive testing and reliability studies to ensure we can provide customers with Zeus Solid State Drives that are fully compliant with the RoHS directive and that meet all the requirements of our customers. This includes working closely with our component manufacturers and reviewing their component performances as part of the above studies.

RoHS Zeus Solid State Drive Projected Availability

RoHS-Compliant Zeus SSD Product	Sample Availability	Production Availability
2.5" PATA (Z2A)	October 2006	November 2006
2.5" SATA (Z2S)	October 2006	November 2006

Note: Customers that require RoHS-compliant product prior to October 2006 should work directly with SimpleTech.

As the date approaches when all electronic products sold in the European Community must be RoHS-compliant, SimpleTech continues to develop RoHS-compliant Zeus Solid State Drives. SimpleTech expects to ship its first full RoHS-compliant Zeus Solid State Drives by November 1, 2006.

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