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Rms Connector Distributors and Value Added Distributors

Subject: rms Connector part and package marking pertaining to Boeing BACC connectors

To: Quality Manager,

Boeing has informed rms that there is heightened Boeing & industry awareness of counterfeit airplane parts and will be paying closer attention to verify that connectors are manufactured & packaged as the specification requires. Therefore, rms is reminding all of our authorized distributors of the following requirements:

- The Boeing specifications require that upon final connector assembly and packaging by the authorized vendor, the connector package (bag) must remain sealed until opened by the end user.
- Rms will not part mark the connector and/or associated package with a part number that does not meet the Boeing specification description for the package contents being shipped from rms. The only Boeing exception is for the "H" designator (without contacts and seal plugs) which is a Boeing specified order code that is not marked on the part or the package.
- For rms distributors, this means that any connector packaged by rms must remain sealed until opened by the end user. Therefore, if an end customer orders an rms assembled BACC connector through distribution and distribution intends to include contacts or cable supports, distribution must first place the original (un-opened) rms connector in a second bag along with the ordered accessories. This second bag would then need to be labeled by the distributor with the applicable final Boeing BACC part number as required for the applicable accessories.
(Example: Customer orders BACC45FN14C15PN from distribution, distribution would order P/N: BACC45FN14-15PNH from rms and supplied to the distributor packaged & marked as BACC45FN14-15PN. The distributor would then include the un-opened rms connector in a second package with the cable support and contacts and mark the package as BACC45FN14C15PN)
- For rms Value Added Distributors (VAD), this means that: If an end customer orders a VAD assembled rms BACC connector that includes contacts, cable supports or other customer requested components, the VAD is to part mark the connector and associated package with the applicable final Boeing BACC part number as required for the applicable accessories. The connector and accessories may then be packaged in a single marked bag that must remain sealed until opened by the end user.

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