



Technical Update

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Ripley RoHS Changes

In light of the global proliferation of RoHS standards and especially in response to the European Union's recent RoHS Directive, Ripley has taken the necessary steps to eliminate all banned substances cited in these regulations.

The European Union's RoHS Directive specifically applies to electrical and electronic equipment including any cable or wiring used with such equipment. While Ripley's offering of hand operated cable and wire preparation tools are not specifically covered by the Directive, Ripley has moved voluntarily to eliminate any banned substances known to be in use. In particular, hexavalent chromium will no longer be used as a coating on certain CAT Compression Assembly Tool "split jaws" and will be replaced with an acceptable substitute. The function and longevity of the affected tools will not change.

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