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2022’s magnet for care

I feel sorry for the humble bill-of-materials. What is it other than a table full of semi-unintelligible information? Nothing could be further from the truth; a manufacturing company’s portfolio of bills-of-materials actually represents its beating heart. Just like a human heart, the health and welfare of every BoM needs to be front and centre.

It’s easy to see why a BoM can get lost in the system. The problem is deciding who owns it: design, purchasing, manufacturing, accounts, QA? The answer is every BoM should be under joint ownership, all of the time.

If love, care and attention is lavished on a BoM throughout its life it can be allowed to evolve in a way that advances the role of every department. Naturally, there needs to be limits. I’m not encouraging mission creep or unnecessary change requests. In an ideal situation, regular care and attention hopefully results in no changes through a BoM’s life provided it was well engineered in the first place.

However, if the past 2-years teaches us anything it’s that the electronics industry is never in an ideal situation, it just swings from slightly to very unideal. Whether change comes in the form of the steady evolution of technology, moving customer expectations or the hammer blow of a global pandemic, every BoM is under pressure, all the time.

Make your BoMs your magnets of care for 2022. If you haven’t already done so, build software applications that allow you to care for your BoMs without overburdening your existing processes. It’s an upfront effort that fuels long term benefits for all.

Jon Barrett
Supplier cuts lead times for automotive memory

Alliance Memory has reduced lead times for its DRAM and Micron Technology NOR Flash memory devices with automotive temperature ratings. The company now holds 70 parts in finished goods stock, with lead times of just six weeks for its most popular automotive temperature range products.

A variety of CMOS SDRAMs are available, including DDR1, DDR2, DDR3/L, LPDDR4, and LPDDR4X devices, with automotive temperature ratings of -40 to 105°C.

Micron NOR Flash memory products include two, four, eight, and 16Mb 5V parallel NOR devices from the M29F series, and 32 and 64Mb serial NOR components from the N25Q series. Parts are offered with temperature ratings of -40 to 85°C and -40 to 125°C in a variety of package options.

Potential applications for these AEC-Q100-compliant products include advanced driving assistance systems; powertrain; automotive active safety and autonomous driving; in-vehicle-networking; customized in-car PCs; telematics; and infotainment systems.

www.alliancememory.com

Pent-up demand will fuel growth in 2022

Supply chain disruption has resulted in unfilled pent-up demand that should help carry growth into the first half of 2022, according to the IPC’s December Economic Outlook. Although it has lowered its forecast, it continues to predict that 2022 should be ‘historically strong’.

There is capacity to buy among both consumers and businesses, the IPC states, but supply chain constraints have limited potential growth in spending and investment. Manufacturers report strong order growth, however this is offset by higher costs and as a result profit margins are declining.

In a further industry report covering the Sentiment of the Global Electronics Manufacturing Supply Chain, the IPC records material and labour costs as the two largest issues facing the electronics supply chain. Inventory and transportation constraints also continue as a major impediment to growth.

ipc.org

Find single pair Ethernet solutions online

Mouser Electronics has introduced a new solutions page dedicated to single pair Ethernet (SPE) technology. Developed in collaboration with Analog Devices, Würth Elektronik, and Harting, the site features valuable insights on how to deliver Ethernet connectivity to the edge.

Alongside content including a technical article, video, and webinar, the site also offers convenient product information for 10BASE-T1L SPE solutions from Analog Devices, Würth Elektronik, and Harting.

The new SPE solutions page has been developed in response to the growth of smart factories and the industrial internet of things, which has led to the need for robust connectivity on the factory floor. Ethernet is the leading architecture for large-scale industrial connectivity, with SPE technology delivering high-performance data and power transmission through a single-wire pair to field-level actuator devices and sensors.

To find out more about the technology and the solutions available from Mouser, visit the new SPE solutions page at https://eng.info.mouser.com/adi-wurth-harting-single-pair-ethernet.

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Derby based Tioga Limited, founded in 1996, has developed into one of the UK’s leading Contract Electronic Manufacturers.

Offering a broad spectrum of electronic assembly, the heart of Tioga’s manufacturing facility is based in Derby right in the centre of the UK in a beautiful listed railway building. The site has been custom converted and fully refurbished into a modern, extensive and sophisticated plant housing state of the art equipment.

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Happy New Year!

As we move into 2022, everybody at Tioga would like to wish you a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

The challenges we have encountered around supply chain and the continuation of covid-19 are still at an all time high so as we continue to adapt and work together we hope that these frustrations start to ease.

A massive ‘Thank You’ to all our customers and suppliers who have helped and supported Tioga through these very tough times and a special ‘Thank You’ to our people for their hard work, understanding and patience. As a partnership... not just a supplier, we are continuing to stay strong which under the circumstances is amazing!

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In Brief

UK electronics manufacturing in recovery

UK electronics manufacturers increased their sales revenue by 30 per cent in 2021 versus 2020, outpacing average manufacturing, according to a report from software-provider, Unleashed. This is despite challenges including labour shortages, supply chain delays, rising costs, and a global semiconductor chip shortage. Those using eCommerce platforms had the greatest profit margin increases.

www.unleashedsoftware.com

Fast enclosure customisation

Industrial enclosure manufacturer, Spelsberg, delivered a customised sample within one hour of request, subsequently providing 100 customised enclosures within two weeks of order. The units were manufactured using Spelsberg’s on-site CNC facilities and delivered to Avanti Lighting, which had been contracted by a utility company to develop a weather-proof CCTV bracket and enclosure mounting system.

www.spelsberg.co.uk

Flex circuits cut installation costs

Trackwise flexible printed circuit products have been utilised by a producer of gas and oil leak detection systems. Direct-C is using Trackwise’s Improved Harness Technology to enhance the ruggedness and manufacturability of its WrapSense sensing strip. The technology enables production of longer strips and reduces installation costs.

www.trackwise.co.uk

Next generation thermal pads

Chomerics is introducing its next generation thermal gap filler pads called Therm-A-Gap Pad 30 and 60. Thanks to a special formulation, the pads are said to ensure complete conformability (with low clamping forces) and the lowest outgassing, thus providing an effective thermal interface wherever uneven surface irregularities, air gaps or rough textures are prevalent.

www.parker.com/chomerics

Hygienic enclosures in stock

Powell Electronics is now stocking the Hammond Manufacturing HYJ range of IP69/ IP69K stainless steel junction box enclosures for hygienic applications. Ideal for food processing and pharmaceutical manufacturing, HYJ enclosures have been designed to withstand regular high temperatures and high-pressure wash-downs. To further maintain hygiene standards, their design also eliminates areas like slotted screw heads where contaminants can gather. All sides slope to ensure water drains off quickly.

Available in five sizes, from 202 by 124 by 102mm up to 416 by 338 by 203mm, HYJ range enclosures benefit from a rectangular design enabling units to be surface mounted either vertically or horizontally.

To eliminate difficult to clean areas behind the enclosure, units are mounted on stand-offs, available in four different lengths, ensuring the device is fixed proud of the wall to facilitate wash down of all faces.

www.powell.com

Extensive battery choice

Rutronik is now offering Adam Tech’s range of battery holders, battery snappers and mobile battery connectors. The series is manufactured in a range of connection variants, such as PCB leads with through-hole, SMT leads, wire leads and solder lugs.

The holders allow the attachment of various battery series and sizes including AAA, AA, C, D, 9V and lithium button cells from 12 to 24mm. Additional flexibility is provided by mounting at various heights.

Constructed from UL-94VO or UL-94HB material with spring steel contacts, the holders are said to be efficient under both normal and demanding environmental conditions. Customised lead lengths and wire configurations are available.

www.rutronik24.com

Demand for semiconductors increases

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) has announced worldwide semiconductor sales of $48.8 billion in October 2021. This is an increase of 24 per cent from the October 2020 total and 1.1 per cent more than the total for September 2021.

A newly released forecast from the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics organisation also projects annual global sales will increase 25.6 per cent in 2021 and 8.8 per cent in 2022.

SIA president and CEO, John Neuffer, commented: “Global semiconductor demand remained high in October, with year-to-year sales increasing substantially across all major regional markets. Annual chip sales and units shipped are projected to reach all-time highs in 2021, with moderate annual growth expected in 2022.”

Regionally, year-to-year and month-to-month sales increased across all major markets with the greatest increases in the Americas and Europe.

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Sourcing genuine components in a turbulent market

In the current market, buyers frustrated by interruptions to their supply chain may resort to sourcing components from unfamiliar distribution sources. However, this decision is fraught with risk because some unauthorised distributors choose to source their components from the ‘grey market’. The provenance of such parts is often unknown, meaning their authenticity cannot be determined. It can be difficult to distinguish a counterfeit component from the genuine part because they are deliberately packaged to appear identical—featuring the same manufacturer branding and part number. Determining if a part is fake or genuine can only be done by carefully examining the package’s internals, a task requiring an x-ray machine and specific testing skills.

A major concern associated with counterfeit components is the high probability they have not undergone the same rigorous testing and quality control procedures as genuine parts. This means they are more likely to exhibit inferior performance or even fail in the field. Engineers who use counterfeit components could be exposed to legal actions relating to product faults.

With chip shortages projected to continue into 2022, individuals and OEMs are advised to only source components from authorised distributors with systems for tracing components back to the point of manufacture. This is especially important for components intended for use in medical/aerospace applications, which must have relevant documents and certification.

Mouser Electronics was the industry’s first authorised distributor with AS6496 accreditation, the aerospace industry’s high standard for anti-counterfeit measures in authorised electronic component distribution. The AS6496 standard sets requirements for the avoidance, detection, mitigation and disposition of counterfeit products in the authorised distribution supply chain. This international standard requires authorised distributors to have a counterfeit mitigation policy and a counterfeit electronics parts control plan. AS6496 is geared for all industries and individuals looking to reduce the risk of counterfeit electronic parts entering the supply chain.

Mouser is also registered to AS9100D, ISO 9001:2015 and ANSI/ESD S20.20-2014, the industry’s gold standards for quality, control and electrostatic discharge (ESD). Registration to these standards lets customers know Mouser is an authorised distributor of the highest quality components by providing traceability, risk management, process control, customer support, product availability and document control.

Mouser has rigorous processes in place to prevent counterfeit products entering its supply chain, so customers can be confident that the components they purchase are genuine. In addition to product integrity, Mouser also assists its customers through real-time stock updates and obsolescence management, plus offers a variety of technical tools and resources to assist designers and buyers.

www.mouser.co.uk/quality/
Harwin now offers rear panel mount cable connectors for both its 2mm-pitch Datamate and 1.25mm-pitch Gecko high-reliability products. They complement existing front panel mount solutions, providing purchasers with greater choice.

Designed to better protect connectors from the external environment, these new rear panel mount options reduce the risk of interconnect damage. Putting the connector on the inside of the enclosure also ensures sleeker, more streamlined equipment.

Versions of Harwin’s Datamate J-Tek and Datamate Mix-Tek connector products will be available with rear panel mounting jackscrews. These will be fitted to male cable connector housings. The more compact Gecko-SL and Gecko-MT products with rear panel mounting are fitted to both male and female cable connector housings.

Contact counts of up to 50 per connector are supported for all products.

www.harwin.com

Phoenix Contact is extending its range of reflow-solder-capable PCB terminal blocks to include a 2.5mm² cross-section option. Constructed from heat-resistant plastic, the new PCB terminal blocks are designed for currents up to 32A and voltages up to 400V. They are suitable for connecting ferrules up to 2.5mm² and both rigid and flexible conductors up to 4mm². Terminal blocks are available in two to 12-position versions for a pitch of 5.0mm.

Products in the new range feature push-in connection for quick and tool-free wiring. A colour-coded push button and defined contact force are said to ensure intuitive operation and permanently stable contacting. Because actuation and conductor connection are from one direction, the PCB terminals can be integrated into the device front.

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New year, new leadership

NOTE Windsor’s new MD, Karen Heath, explains how the company’s focus on skilled employees and technology investment underpins its high levels of customer service.

As we start 2022, NOTE Windsor welcomes Karen Heath as the new managing director. Karen has over 20-years’ experience in the electronics industry, joining NOTE Windsor—formerly Speedboard Assembly Services—in 2007. Karen has been responsible for customer service, sourcing, inventory and supply chain management, more recently working within the NOTE Group with strategic suppliers.

Her experience and skills have played a vital role within the Group in successfully navigating the electronics industry’s current supply chain issues.

Karen said: “I am excited to take on the mantle of managing director at NOTE Windsor. The senior leadership team at NOTE Windsor have been part of the set up here for quite some time, so the strategy will continue as we move into this new chapter.

As we start 2022, NOTE Windsor welcomes Karen Heath as the new managing director

I intend to guide the site, moving at the right pace, in the right direction, working closely with our long-term partners and customers.”

The company considers its employees are its greatest asset, many of whom have been with the business for over two decades. Their dedication and expertise ensure that customers receive the highest levels of customer service. NOTE Windsor takes great pride in supporting customers’ needs by developing and improving processes and services continuously. The organisation is investing in capital equipment to improve productivity and efficiency and has received new machines for delivery this year with further plans for new automated machines in 2022 and 2023.

Karen continued: “We are at the beginning of new and exciting times as we embark on this next phase at NOTE Windsor. Although the pandemic has made these last two years difficult and caused significant change, I am extremely proud of how we have worked within NOTE Windsor both internally in keeping our employees safe and externally balancing the needs of our customers and working closely alongside them whilst adapting to the everchanging Covid-19 restrictions. With the strong leadership team supporting me, I am looking forward to 2022 and meeting all our customers hopefully face-to-face once again.”

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Since September 2020, the third generation has helmed Bürklin Elektronik with managing directors Veronika Tretter and Johannes Bürklin. With stronger customer orientation, a streamlined product range, expanded digital procurement channels and—soon to be—a new web shop, they plan to continue the family business’ success. Bürklin Elektronik is on course for success and ready for new challenges including: introducing the new web shop; and mastering the consequences of raw material shortages. The web shop is designed to help customers quickly navigate their way around the Bürklin Elektronik world of some 500,000 electronic products thanks to a revised search function. The aim is to experience the wide world of electronics with just one click.

Digital procurement channels are also a focus for Bürklin Elektronik. All common eProcurement solutions are offered. Customers and suppliers can be connected via API, EDI, OCI and eCatalogues. The online presence means customers from all countries and regions rely on Bürklin Elektronik services. No matter where customers need electronics, ordered goods are delivered next day or within a few days.

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Working with light since 1931

CML’s commercial manager, Roger Neal, highlights the organisation’s long history in light and looks forward to the company’s involvement in emerging sectors including EV

Specialising in LED signal lamps, CML Innovative Technologies (CML) has been working with light since 1931. The company was one of the first to introduce LED lamps and now boasts one of the broadest ranges of miniature lighting products in the world including signalisation, panel mount indicators, LEDs, LED displays and medical/aviation lamps.

Commercial manager, Roger Neal, explained: “In 2004, the company became CML and continued to grow, establishing its international pedigree with two factories in Guangzhou, China and Sibiu, Romania. While CML remains in Bury St Edmunds, the group was acquired by Spain’s Grupo Antolin, which employs 28,000 people globally.

“CML in the UK focuses on specialist applications, mainly manufacturing lighting solutions for the automotive, aviation and general industries. We manufacture a standard range of products and customer-specific solutions from concept to production, including in-house design. Our portfolio runs to thousands of miniature lighting options in size, function, colour, finishes and voltages.”

CML’s products are evolving to meet customer demand for value. Unlike some competitors who only provide a face value product, CMLs manufacturing capability—such as adding cables and connectors to a product—carries greater value. By meeting bespoke requirements, CML can help customers reduce production time.

CML is looking to develop its products for EV charging applications as Roger explained: “We are preparing for a huge surge in the EV market. We’re also developing more niche products for the UK food processing industry as we have seen buying behaviour in the UK has changed with a greater demand for locally sourced products.”

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Minimising BoM requirements

To simplify the installation of machinery, automation and transportation cabling and connectivity, Harting’s Han 1A is designed to offer flexible power, signal or Ethernet connections in tight spaces.

The range features angled/straight bulkhead mounting, plus a panel surface mounted fixing frame for cable-to-cable mating. All achieved through snap-in latch/lever locking mated plastic IP20/IP65 housings.

Specifications include power (10 to 16A @ 400V), signal (0.5A/48V to 4A / 250V) and Ethernet data (M12 Cat 5 D-Code or Cat 6A X-Code insert), minimising BoM requirements and allowing lower piece stock costs. A standard panel cut-out simplifies interface panel design. Snap-on colour coding clips allow part differentiation.

The company states the Han 1A Ethernet data version offers significant advantages over recognised M12 cabling solutions, while allowing use of their industry recognised and proven inserts. The inline free or cable-to-cable mounting frame allows M12 Cat 5 D-Code or Cat 6A X-Code inserts to be mated without the optical alignment concerns of normal M12 housing connectors.

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LEM has introduced a unique high bandwidth (1MHz) open loop sensor capable of current sensing in harsh environments. The HOB-P series was developed to meet high bandwidth sensing requirements when using fast-switching silicon carbide (SiC) Mosfets in high-voltage pulsed-power circuits where fast, flexible high-voltage pulses are essential.

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Applications include hand-held plasma cutters, welders, DC-DC converters, uninterruptible power supplies, switched mode power supplies, AC variable speed/servo motor drives and static converters for DC motor drives.

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The short life-cycle of electronic components, driven by consumer markets, makes sustaining of long life cycle systems increasingly difficult, but it is not just about electronic components – globalisation and consolidation of the supply chain, supplier bankruptcy, and new regulations such as REACH affect electrical and mechanical components and equipment as well.

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Rochester is licensed to manufacture devices no longer produced by the original component manufacturer and has manufactured over 20,000 device types. With over 12 billion die in stock, Rochester has the capability to manufacture over 70,000 device types.

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When buyers face component end-of-life sourcing challenges, Rochester Electronics offers access to a 100 per cent authorised solution
What’s ahead for electronics distributors in 2022

Dave Doherty is president at Digi-Key Electronics. Digi-Key is both the leader and continuous innovator in the high service distribution of electronic components and automation products worldwide, providing more than 10.1 million components from over 2,000 quality name-brand manufacturers.

2021 has been a whirlwind of a year, bringing both new challenges and opportunities to the high service distribution industry. Here’s a look at what made this year one for the history books, how the industry addressed 2021’s challenges, and what may be around the corner in 2022.

Supply & Demand Upheaval
The past year brought many challenges to the electronic components industry. While there may still be some challenging times ahead, orders will likely begin to return to more realistic levels in late 2022 as customers find more breathing room.

Even throughout these unpredictable market conditions, distributors like Digi-Key have weathered the ups and downs by continuing to invest in strategic initiatives to expand warehouse capacity, localize the customer experience both digitally and from a support standpoint, scale digital offerings and web services and expand into new markets, in order to continue serving customers around the globe with the best possible purchasing experience.

Rising to the Occasion
Suppliers in every niche of the market deserve recognition for their performance over the past year. In 2021, suppliers have gone above and beyond, identifying new, innovative ways to increase their supply and provide customers with the parts they need.

We are proud to work with suppliers who truly understand the importance of their products to the engineers and makers around the world who are creating innovative projects every day.

Digi-Key believes in a digital-first approach, and is always developing new ways to make it easier for our customers to engage digitally from anywhere around the globe, including localizing their experience in markets around the world with local language, currency and support hours, as well as fast shipping times.

Today, Digi-Key supports 26 local currencies and does business in 21 local languages – something that will continue to grow along with the business.

Looking Ahead
In many ways, the industry is cyclical – the demand and challenges from this year will likely come back around again in new forms in the future, so the key is to be better prepared with the new building blocks that were put in place over the past year.

Digi-Key has increased its investments in infrastructure and other innovations to scale capacity to keep up with skyrocketing demand, including the new Product Distribution Centre expansion in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, more robust and predictive web search functionality, Digi-Key Marketplace, higher inventory levels and increased automation in the Digi-Key warehouse, which all benefit customers by providing an easy and efficient research, shopping and delivery experience.

These investments have helped Digi-Key, its suppliers and customers weather the storm of 2021, and leaves all parties well positioned for 2022. We are looking forward to the innovation of our customers that will come in 2022, and are excited to enable the world’s ideas.
Investing in the future of manufacturing

Nemco explains how its pragmatic approach to recent supply chain challenges has positioned the company well to manage its expansion into new markets.

Over the past two years, the electronics manufacturing industry has faced many challenges. Nemco remained pragmatic in its approach and by working directly with its customers and suppliers was able to maintain a robust supply chain. As one of the UK’s largest (60,000ft²) privately owned contract electronics manufacturers, the company offers a range of services including PCBAs, conventional, test, engineering support, box build and general assembly (GA).

Covering some 20,000ft², the GA area’s flexible configuration caters for large and small assembly, from prototyping to production volumes. Nemco also offers conformal coating, x-ray inspection and an ISO Class 7 cleanroom. For security projects, the company operates a designated access controlled ‘secure room’ where builds can be finalised or tested in a secure environment.

With AS9100, ISO14001 and SC21 (silver) accreditations, Nemco operates in several sectors and plans to expand on these during 2022.

Having recently been accepted onto the Government funded ‘Sharing in Growth’ programme, Nemco is excited about the positive transformations that have already taken place and is looking to the future with passion for further advancements in its team and the services offered to its customers.

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Following our large investments in 2019 on the latest SMT technology from Yamaha, we've continued building for the future by investing in higher spec equipment such as AOI, X-ray and conformal coating machines. Whilst there is still a degree of uncertainty out there on the back of Covid-19 and now with the global material shortages terrorising our industry, we are determined to come out the other side stronger and be ready to support our continuously growing client base.

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Aerco’s Peter Stoner guides buyers through the often complex task of sourcing cable and wire products

Starting with hookup wires, they may be stranded for flexibility or a single solid conductor. The wire may feature shielding to reduce EMI, while the outer material will vary depending on temperature, chemical resistance and moisture requirements. Resistance to abrasion and flexing can also impact decisions.

Communications and control cables typically carry power and signal wires. For example, Alpha Wire’s Xtra-Guard 1 suits internal and external wiring of OEM equipment, while Xtra-Guard 2 uses alternative materials providing increased resistance to oils, solvents and abrasion.

Responding to rising environment and safety awareness, Alpha Wire developed EcoGen wire and cable. These products are 100 per cent re-cyclable and meet RoHS and WEEE requirements. They are free of heavy metals and phthalates and produce zero halogen in combustion. They are also 47 per cent smaller and 65 per cent lighter than standard PVC cables.

UL approval confirms minimum quality and safety levels, with many manufacturers requiring UL approval for all equipment. Aerco maintains UL approval which allows cutting and re-spooling of cable and wire to customer specific lengths without losing UL approval.

Aerco’s ISO 9001:2015 scope includes cut-to-length cables from approved sources with/without lot traceability.

International shortages of copper, PTFE and other materials in 2021 have caused significant increases in price and lead time for wire and cable products. Aerco stocks and ships as customers require giving both price and supply certainty for the duration of orders.

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The RTS was developed to protect highly integrated power semiconductors from overheating. Prior to mechanical activation, the fuse can be soldered using conventional reflow soldering machines with profiles up to 260°C.

The new overtemperature protection device comes in the same dimensions and maximum breaking capacity despite its additional shunt functionality. On its small 6.6 by 8.8mm footprint the RTS can handle operating currents of up to 130A and rated voltages of up to 60VDC.

The shunt version has an integrated resistance with particularly low temperature dependence. This resistance, known as a shunt, enables precise current measurement and enables an additional—non-thermal—circuit protection such as via a controller.

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Relec’s account manager (displays), Mathew Rehm, said: “TFT selection is key when designing a display for mission critical applications. Primary concern for the designer is that the display can be viewed and operated in harsh conditions that may incur extreme temperatures and be subjected to vibration or shock. They also have to be reliable and have a long operating life because in many conditions maintenance and repair can be challenging.”

To address these criteria, Relec is offering a range of TFT display options. Models can operate across a temperature range from -40 to 80°C. Specifiers are assured the Taiwanese-grade quality LEDs used in the backlighting have a long operating life and, just as importantly, a longevity of supply to ensure continuity of quality and supply, without having to find drop-in replacements for obsolete parts.

[www.relec.co.uk](http://www.relec.co.uk)

**Investing in training excellence**

Etech Training has welcomed John O’Neill as its new training manager and MIT in the UK.

John has devoted his working life to the electronics industry, starting as a bench technician before moving through supervisory, quality, training manager and Master IPC Trainer roles. John sits on many IPC committees and is a regular attendee and contributor to IPC meetings across Europe.

From 1 March, John will be responsible for all UK training, offering a one-stop-contact for training consultation, quotations and training delivery in the UK, backed by the company’s customer support and training team in Europe.

John is happy to answer questions regarding IPC training including: initial certification; recertification; in-house training at customer’s premises; training at John’s Manchester base; or remote on-line training. John can be reached at john.oneill@etech.training or 0161 464 0777.

An Etech Training spokesperson said: “We are lucky that John has decided to join our team and we at Etech are all confident that John will take on his new role with the same passion, enthusiasm and professionalism that he has always shown.”

[www.etech.training](http://www.etech.training)
Flex Power Modules has added two higher power variants to its through-hole, digital BMR492 range of regulated, isolated bus converters. The BMR4920100/001 is rated at 10.4V/67.4A output over a 40 to 60V input (80V/100ms) and can also deliver up to 950W peak for less than 1s. The BMR4920300/864 has the same input range and features an output of 12V at 66.7A, delivering 800W continuous and 1,100W peak.

Flex Power Modules’ director product management and marketing, Olle Hellgren, said: “We are pleased to announce even higher power levels from our BMR492 series, in the same footprint as our original 500 and 600W parts. The new 700W and 800W variants provide even higher power density in space-constrained applications and the flexibility of the design means other variants can also be created on request.”

Both models are industry standard eighth-brick (58.4 by 22.7 by 14mm with baseplate) and achieve better than 97 per cent efficiency at half load.

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Distributor and Supplier Focus

Cables, contacts and connectors for performance and reliability

Carlisle Interconnect Technologies brings 5G processing capabilities to worldwide applications and markets

The future of access technology continues to evolve and working with a company focused on that future is critical to an enterprise's success.

Carlisle Interconnect Technologies specialises in 5G processing capabilities, offering high-bandwidth and low-latency connectivity to global applications and markets. The company states its interconnect solutions are engineered to offer scalability, interoperability, reliability and flexibility.

With a portfolio ranging from standard RF connectors, RF adapters and RF cable assemblies to engineered custom interconnect solutions, CarlisleIT offers high-volume and low-cost solutions, plus custom products geared to solving unique connectivity issues seen in complex 5G applications.

CarlisleIT also offers high-performance Gen-Z assemblies, card edge board-side connectors, and card-edge cable assemblies. The company's coaxial cable assemblies boast high flexibility, excellent signal integrity performance and reliability, resulting in long lifecycles for indoor and outdoor operation of 5G cell equipment. Readily available RF adapters can be used to adapt and translate the RF interfaces required for seamless connectivity.

Lightweight phase-matched coaxial cable assemblies are also available. Lightweight assembly design keeps the operational costs low, while the phase-matching results in excellent signal integrity, providing high system reliability.

Over the last 82-years, CarlisleIT's growth has been fuelled by providing innovative solutions that solve challenges in industries where high performance, reliability and technical innovation are essential to success.

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Our CoreHC product family, Card Edge Contact systems, and Gen-Z solutions offer high-density interconnects with lower insertion and return losses at densities as high as 2.5 mm. CarlisleIT leads the way with high-performance interconnect solutions by offering unmatched signal integrity for today's faster and more complex communication systems operating up to 70 GHz.

www.carlisleit.com
Knowledge, great products and service count in uncertain times

ATC Semitec’s MD, Rob Savin, highlights the value of specialist distributors who build strong relationships with both their customers and suppliers.

As issues including continuity of supply and price increases persist, it’s time to get help from distributors like ATC Semitec, a temperature sensor specialist supporting customers across a range of markets.

The company’s technical team offers in-depth engineering advice. A call could save you hours of website research.

ATC Semitec’s MD, Rob Savin, said: “We are proud of the established relationships we have with our customers. With our wide breadth of high quality products and long established supplier relationships, we have been able to support them with unprecedented increases in demand or component shortage issues. It is all about building long-term partnerships.”

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Trust, confidence and resilience

Fineline VAR’s MD, Clive Wall, emphasises the importance of a can-do attitude and audited processes during this turbulent period.

In the last year, Fineline VAR has seen unprecedented growth, with an increase of 80 per cent on 2020 and a growth trajectory unmatched by any PCB supplier in the UK.

Fineline VAR’s managing director, Clive Wall, explained: “As a value-add PCB supplier much of this is down to our service culture, backed by our extensive supply chain. Our team has a can-do attitude, supported by robust audit processes to ensure approved factories are capable of meeting the technical and service demands of today’s PCB buyers. As part of Fineline Global, the company has the strength of a global business, without losing the benefits associated with supplying customers, locally.

“Whilst the PCB industry faced turbulent times in 2021—with escalating costs and extending lead-times—Fineline rose to those challenges, growing its market share while meeting and exceeding customers’ needs. Customers trust the company to provide the best PCB supply chain solutions. We are responsive, communicate in an open and transparent way and, above all, we are resilient. Resilience has become one of our defining business characteristics this year—the resilience of our team, our financial resilience, the resilience in our ability to manage the challenges.

“Our open approach to customers, both existing and new, instils confidence. We know the challenging times are not over, but we are confident that Fineline will remain agile and adapt quickly to any changes to ensure we remain a market leader in PCB supply.”

www.fineline-global.com
Moving industry forward with standardisation

Standardisation is a dynamic function of the electronics industry and is constantly evolving. Advanced Rework Technology works with IPC to continually move forward with improvements and best practices to support manufacturing. ART is proud to announce the release of many standards during 2020, with team members working as active IPC committee chairs and/or committee members.

IPC-A-610H, Acceptability of Electronic Assemblies, is the most widely used electronics assembly acceptance standard and designed as a post-assembly acceptance standard used to ensure electronic assemblies meet acceptance requirements. It was released September 2020.

Revision H for 610 features significant changes including: general update throughout the standard; removal of the target conditions-following the steps in IPC/WHMA-A-620D; new criteria on wrapped terminals; ESD requirements and information moved to a separate appendix; and jumper wire criteria move from previous sections, into their own chapter.

IPC-A-610 is a must for inspectors, operators and those with an interest in acceptance criteria for electronic assemblies. As IPC-A-610 is developed in synergy with J-STD-001 and IPC/WHMA-A-620 users will see these documents updated and released in quick succession to each other.

J-STD-001, Requirements for Soldered Electrical and Electronic Assemblies is recognised globally for the criteria of soldering processes and materials. The new revision H has been updated to include the latest industry criteria with the introduction of guidance on the use of x-ray for through-hole solder connections. Released September 2020.

Revision H for the J-STD-001 includes significant changes including: introduction of appendix D—Using x-ray for Acceptance of soldered connection; new criteria for wrapped terminals; new section 8 Cleaning and Residue Requirements (IPC-WP-019B provides explanation and rational for this new section); and removal of reference to the International Space Station. J-STD-001H, Space and Military Applications Electronic Hardware Addendum to J-STD-001H soon to be released.

In addition to the above standards, ART has worked with and supported the committees to release the following standards during 2020.


IPC/WHMA-A-620, Requirements and Acceptance for Cable and Wire Harness Acceptance. This standard describes materials, methods, tests and acceptance for producing crimped, mechanically secured and soldered connections and related activities relating to cable and wire harness assemblies. Released January 2020.

IPC/WHMA-A-620DS, Space and Military Applications Electronic Hardware Addendum to IPC/WHMA-A-620D. Released September 2020. This addendum provides additional criteria to IPC/WHMA-A-620D to ensure the reliability of assemblies that must survive the vibration and thermal issues encountered in the military and space environments.

IPC-A-600K, Acceptance of (Bare) Printed Boards. Released July 2020. This document provides photographs and illustrations to address target, acceptable and nonconforming conditions that can be inspected either internally or externally on bared printed boards.


ART team members also sit on the technical training committees to these revisions to ensure the training courses offered by ART are accurate to provide the best possible training to the industry.

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As an Authorized Training Center, A.R.T Ltd can offer Certified Training to the IPC Standards listed below. A.R.T Ltd are the only training center in the UK able to offer CID PCB Design and IPC-6012 training and Space Addendum training for J-STD-001 and IPC-A-620.

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Manufacturers explore alternative components at unprecedented rate

NewPower explains a critical skill in today’s market is finding alternative parts, often last minute, when normal distribution channels fail.

The global component shortage has made it almost impossible for manufacturers to find the components they need on a timeline to meet their production demands. Sophisticated manufacturers have augmented many pre-pandemic policies and are now deploying more aggressive tactics to ensure success. One example is the turn to independent distribution for shortage mitigation and alternative component sourcing.

Pre-pandemic, sourcing components and scheduling production was typically a smooth process. With minimal supply chain disruptions, issues were few and far between and solved without panic or long-term effects. Manufacturers would look to independent distributors for alternative components when parts became scarce, but only when necessary. Pandemic induced halts to production and labor shortages have caused existing supply chain costs to skyrocket. Shortages are commonplace as lead times extend, causing many to rely on alternative sources to find fairly priced components on acceptable lead times. Manufacturers must accept there are too many current supply chain issues to not be consistently searching for alternative parts. Engineers need deeper involvement as ‘business as usual’ no longer exists.

As an independent distributor, NewPower’s business model focuses on finding parts quickly. Perhaps more importantly, we excel at finding alternative parts, often last minute, when normal distribution channels fail. With no supplier allegiance, loyalty is focused on the manufacturer. We help manufacturers find alternative components that function similarly—or even exactly the same—quickly and efficiently, so production lines don’t stop.

NewPower’s proprietary sourcing platform, Empower, helps it globally locate quality parts in real-time, along with alternative solutions for unavailable parts, letting the company meet manufacturers’ time-sensitive demands without sacrificing quality, form or function. In some cases, NewPower can reduce costs and decrease lead times simply by sourcing alternative part numbers.

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USB charger in 117 components

Power Integrations has published a new reference design that describes a USB power delivery (PD) charger described as having exceptional performance and very low component count.

Based around Power Integrations’ new InnoSwitch 3-PD PowiGaN flyback switcher and HiperPFS-4 PFC controller ICs, the DER-937 report contains the power supply specification, schematic, PCB layout, bill-of-materials, detailed magnetics specifications and performance data of a power factor corrected 100W USB PD 3.0 + programmable power supply (PFS) charger using only 117 components.

Senior product marketing engineer at Power Integrations, Aditya Kulkarni, said: “This USB PD charger design reaches efficiency levels in excess of 93 per cent, including input, PFC, and flyback stages. Its no-load performance is also excellent—the circuit requires less than 40mW no-load input power at 230VAC.

“BoM count is approximately half that of conventional designs, saving space, reducing design time and simplifying component sourcing for high-volume manufacture of slim, ultra-compact OEM and aftermarket chargers.”

www.power.com

Always-on AI capabilities

Lattice Semiconductor has announced a roadmap of low power, AI/ML-enabled solutions that improve battery life and enable innovative user experiences in edge applications such as client compute devices. Built with the Lattice sensAI solution stack and running on low power Lattice Nexus FPGAs, these new solutions are designed to help OEMs develop smart, always-on devices with low power, hardware-accelerated AI capabilities that are field upgradeable to support future AI algorithms.

Lattice’s vice president of segment marketing and business development, Matt Dobrodziej, said: “AI applications based on vision, sound and other sensors will revolutionise the client computing experience. Our sensAI solution stack supports a roadmap of edge AI applications that make client devices contextually aware of how, when and where they’re being used, and our Nexus FPGAs deliver that functionality with class-leading low power consumption.”

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Distributor and Supplier Focus

Solving interconnect challenges

PEI-Genesis is working hard to be the supplier of choice when engineers and buyers are faced with interconnect design and sourcing challenges

PEI-Genesis states its mission is to solve customers’ interconnect challenges through innovation, integrity and teamwork: with excellence to customers at its centre.

To achieve this, PEI-Genesis strives to: be the trusted advisor to global engineers, meeting and exceeding their design needs; provide the broadest selection of interconnect products for procurement professionals; and cultivate a culture where employees can grow, reach their goals, and be inspired.

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**Instrument enclosures more customisable**

Metcas’ Unimet and Unimet-Plus desktop and portable instrument enclosures now feature improved bezels, enhancing their aesthetics and making them more customisable. The bezels comprise eight sections: four diecast corners, two horizontal and two vertical extrusions. This means the enclosures can now be offered in custom heights, plus bespoke widths and depths. They become two of Metcase’s most customisable models.

The new corner castings are zinc which allows finer tolerances, better fit and paint finish. On both enclosures, the bezel is assembled to a fabricated aluminium main case with a removable U-shaped top. Both feature a removable rear panel, recessed to protect connectors and switches.

Applications include medical devices, test/measurement, industrial control, peripherals and interfaces, switchboxes, communications and laboratory equipment.

Other features include four non-slip rubber feet and optional tilt/swivel carry handle that doubles as a desk stand. This indexable handle can be adjusted to the perfect viewing angle.

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**VCO suits satellite comms**

Crystek’s CVCO55CC-2950 voltage controlled oscillator operates at 2950MHz with a control voltage range of 0.5V~4.5V. The device features a typical phase noise of -115dBc/Hz @ 10kHz offset and is said to have excellent linearity. Output power is typically 7.0dBm.

Engineered and manufactured in the USA, the part is packaged in the industry-standard 0.5in by 0.5in. SMD package. Input voltage is 8.0V, with a current consumption of 30mA (typ). Pulling and pushing are minimised to 3.0MHz pk-pk and 0.1MHz/V, respectively. Second harmonic suppression is -15dBc typical.

Applications include digital radio equipment, fixed wireless access, satellite communications systems and base stations.

www.crystek.com
Design accelerating but supply chains remain stretched

Anglia’s CEO, Steve Rawlins, looks at how Anglia can help OEMs navigate a difficult supply chain

Covid jammed the supply chain in 2021 but also sped up the design cycle. The imperative to control the virus pressed the fast forward button and accelerated many technologies by up to ten years. Climate change and pent-up demand amplified the effect.

Getting projects from CAD to market means overcoming these supply chain challenges. Designing in components without considering their source, is designing in failure. The supply chain has become a design issue and will remain throughout 2022, probably beyond.

2021 saw significant design activity, especially for front line Covid applications. This was compounded by growth in medical, welfare, communications, security, 5G and EV.

Current demand is difficult to fulfil because of unprecedented supply chain challenges. Lead times today are worse than a quarter ago and are unlikely to improve until summer 2022 at the earliest. “We’re seeing a perfect storm.”

Emerging from the pandemic, pent-up demand is making raw materials harder to obtain, causing significant increases in costs which manufacturers have to pass on. At the same time, freight charges are increasing globally and delivery times are extending even when stock is warehoused. Some distributors are quoting 17-days delivery on ex-stock orders.

Inventory is available in the supply chain, but buyers need to be smart and forward thinking to access it. The right component is one that addresses the design’s technical specification and is available in the right production time frame. Anglia Live recognises this, providing an environment where designers can assess the design parameters and supply chain situation of every device.

With careful planning enough inventory is available to get new products to market. Anglia Live is designed to help engineers and purchasing professionals do just that. The site offers full parametric search and details Anglia’s current free stock, reserved stock, replenishment date and supplier lead time.

If a design is six months from release, the time to start placing production orders for the BoM is now. If companies stick their head in the sand and throw the BoM over the wall to purchasing when it is finished and qualified the product will be late to market. Accurate forecasting of demand is also key.

As an independently owned distributor, Anglia has invested in its customers and business by increasing forward ordering when stock was still relatively plentiful. This inventory is being used to support customers who partner with Anglia. Working together this way allows everyone to prosper. The commitment is two-way. Anglia commits to reserving inventory for its customers—but customers must commit to taking it. Anglia can’t promise to protect every customer against every issue in 2022, but by working together transparently it can support as many customers as possible, with most of their requirements, most of the time.

In 2022, electronics will continue to play a growing part in making the world Covid safe, addressing climate change and keeping us generally healthy and happy. Demand is strong and there are plenty of exciting technical developments in the works. Anglia’s customers can capture this demand and benefit from these developments if they think about supply early enough in the life of a project. We had a good 2021, and I’m looking forward to 2022, Anglia’s 50th year, which I believe will be just as strong.

www.anglia-live.com
Renewable energy is an increasingly common power source. With its growth the need to store energy has become increasingly important. Currently, considerable excess energy is generated, which is wasted if not stored. It’s only in recent years that energy storage solutions have emerged. Such storage systems help ensure we have reliable renewable energy sources powering homes today, plus sustainable energy for future generations.

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Forecast and procurement’s 2022 Bucket List

John Denslinger future gases into 2022 and prepares a Bucket List for procurement professionals to help them handle the wave of demand about to reach shore

**2022 Bucket List**

By John Denslinger

From a business perspective, it all starts with a forecast and one key baseline is global GDP. According to its world economic outlook released October 2021, IMF projects global GDP at +4.9 per cent for 2022, down slightly from 2021’s post-pandemic rebound of +5.9 per cent. Lingering supply chain and capacity issues are expected and will likely hamper growth throughout the first half. Not factored are the consequences of Covid variants which could derail recovery efforts. Nevertheless, 2022 should be a banner year for industry.

Demand is the second key baseline and 2022 will see tidal waves of new technology driving global markets. Most significant is the 5G roll-out, digitalization of commerce and the electrification of just about everything else, most notably EV. Beneath that layer is a booming sector expansion: 5G smart phones, smart homes, servers, computers, gaming, Industry 4.0 and a huge government infrastructure stimulant. The demand is very real and at times may overwhelm supply capability.

Drilling down to the component level, semiconductors tend to be the perennial bellwether. WSTS forecasts 10.1 per cent growth in 2022 on the heels of a sensational 25 per cent increase in 2021. Other forecasters seem to agree: IC Insight sees 13 per cent and Semi Intelligence reports 15 per cent growth in 2022. With respect to passives and electromechanical, the technology explosion mentioned above has a content multiplier effect further escalating total demand for these components. It would not surprise me to see passive growth exceeding 15 per cent in 2022.

Goals! We dutifully set them every new year. While 2022 is no different, setting achievable goals in procurement might be a challenge, especially when it comes to sourcing vital components. With so many out-of-the-ordinary influences hindering supply, procurement’s bucket list might be oversized and overwhelming. In fairness, some factors are beyond their control: pandemic variants, trade wars, labor scarcity, regulatory interventions, etc, but the expectation remains: minimize the negative impact. That still leaves purchasing owning plenty of actionable items. So here it is, procurement’s Top 10 Bucket List for 2022:

- A manageable growth forecast
- No line downs in the factory/end of daily briefings/fewer emergency meetings with senior management
- Plentiful inventory in the channel/scheduling flexibility
- Price stability/price reductions/favorable PPVs
- Normalizing of lead times to pre-pandemic levels
- Confirmation that capacity investments are producing results up-and-down the supply chain
- Inclusion of distributor partnerships in all future supply plans
- Resumption of functioning JITs
- Clear pathways via supplier initiatives to achieve sustainability and green energy goals
- Return of face-to-face advanced technology sessions

If I were to add #11, it would be ‘recognition’. You likely spent hours, day and night, on the phone expediting supply and coordinating delivery schedules with production. You kept lines running and factories open. Goods shipped to customers and demand was satisfied. Given the rosy forecast, let’s hope procurement’s bucket list is the reality for 2022.
Inductors engineered for reliability

Bourns has announced the model SRP7020TA and SRP8540A high current shielded power inductor series. These automotive grade, AEC-Q200 compliant inductors feature shielded construction, metal alloy powder core, low magnetic field radiation, low buzz noise and -55 to 150°C operating temperature range. Both series are designed for electromagnetic interference filtering and power management in automotive, consumer, industrial and telecom electronics applications that often require higher inductor reliability.

The technology integrated into these inductors offers saturation current of 40/60A over the 0.1/0.22 – 10/22μH inductance range. Bourns engineered a unique metal alloy powder core, bonding agent and moulded construction manufacturing process that achieves magnetically shielded construction for low radiation, high saturation current, low buzz noise and low DC resistance.

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Automated optical (AOI) and x-ray inspection (AXI) equipment offers PCB inspection with exceptional defect coverage. These systems inspect solder joints and verify correct part assembly, helping users improve quality and increase throughput. Programming is fast and intuitive, while latest available image processing technology ensures extremely low false failure rates. VuData Statistical Process Analyser software seamlessly integrates with the AOI and AXI systems to produce fault traceability and process analysis.

Test systems include ABI Electronics, Microtronix Test systems and Intepro, offering a comprehensive range for testing circuit boards for repair, telephone systems/handsets, and power supplies.

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Obsolescence

Supply chain perfect storm

Lansdale Semiconductor’s president, R Dale Lillard, reminds readers that in today’s uncertain world, JIT manufacturing will need re-tooling to provide sufficient redundancy.

Since the 1980s manufacturers have enjoyed years of just-in-time manufacturing using outside suppliers. This let them reduce inventories and shorten cycle times for improved quality. They also discontinued vertical integration of their supply chain leaving them vulnerable to different supplier priorities which can be driven by political upheavals, environmental disasters and pandemics.

When the coronavirus emerged in March of 2020, it caused a perfect storm: shutting businesses, causing labor shortages and slowing transportation of goods. This led to supply shortages and long lead times. Many manufacturers have faced significant delays in buying materials for production. The most dramatic is the auto industry, which is reported to lose $210 billion in sales in 2021 because of the IC supply slowdown.

Even without the pandemic, commercial life cycles can be two to three-years where automotive life cycle can exceed 10-years for production and maintenance support. Although the automotive industry has experienced supply issues when their products’ technology lagged the rapid changes of advanced commercial products, the extent of this problem is something new.

Semiconductor companies’ shift in production from automotive ICs to home computer products were well publicised. When demand changes rapidly, as it did in 2020, suppliers review their wafer production line run...
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Obsolescence

rates and modify them to improve sales per square inch of wafers produced. This can force unpredicted obsolescence and long cycle time delays as they optimise production for current product demand. The pandemic has caused a shift in wafer fabrication processes that is not easily reversed, leading to the possibility of permanent changes in availability for some products.

IC life cycles are driven by the wafer fabrication foundry process. Foundry equipment is expensive (new fabs cost $5 to $10 B) and their processes become difficult to modify. When market driven semiconductor technology advancements demand newer equipment and processes, the switch can make it difficult to produce older products. In many cases, the fab uses existing floor space and personnel for the newer equipment, forcing them to remove older equipment and shut down the older process. If older products are not compatible with new equipment, they become obsolete.

Pandemic induced supply chain problems have caused many semiconductor customers to spend time interrogating their suppliers about product life cycle, cycle times and overall lead times. The belief is that manufacturers can warn them of potential problems. However, suppliers cannot always accurately predict potential problems due to uncertainties within their own supply channels.

I’m sure most companies consider how to reduce supply shortfalls. It is a good time to increase inventories where possible, lengthen supply contracts and switch to suppliers who are closer and have good environments. The automotive industry used to have its own semiconductor manufacturing capability and may need to restart some closed foundries to ensure supply.

Nothing lasts forever. In an uncertain world, just-in-time manufacturing needs to be re-tooled to provide enough redundancy to cope with events that stress the supply chain, such as new technologies and a worldwide pandemic.

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Automotive life cycle can exceed 10 years for production and maintenance support
When supply chains are under strain, the risk of encountering counterfeit components rises. Counterfeits are more common than many buyers think and pose a serious threat to product quality and safety. Unauthorised copies, substitutes or modified parts misrepresented as genuine OEM parts often fail to meet required performance demands, resulting in products performing intermittently, not to specification, or not at all. Corintech offers full supply chain management, with procedures designed to ensure procurement is fully traceable, thus significantly minimising the risk of using counterfeit parts. If this is not possible, components are purchased from audited and approved suppliers with a full chain of custody to the OEM. Where this is not possible, Corintech only uses components independently validated against the OEM’s specifications and only with customers’ full knowledge and acceptance.

After a two-year hiatus, Corintech is returning to Southern Manufacturing & Electronics, where its team will be on hand to discuss how the company’s services can benefit upcoming electronics projects.

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Reduce the risk of counterfeits

During this period of supply chain upheaval, Corintech’s management procedures shield customers against the danger of counterfeit components.
30-years of electronics innovation

Retronix’ director and founder, Tony Boswell, walks readers through 30-years of electronics innovations and highlights the company’s growing global reach.

2022 marks a special milestone for Retronix as the company celebrates its 30th anniversary. With Scottish origins, the Retronix story began in 1992 when director Tony Boswell spotted a niche market expanding within the electronics industry. What started as a local nine-person business has grown into a global organisation, delivering a unique set of technology solutions to the high reliability industries.

The last 30-years have given Retronix plenty of reasons to celebrate. The trip down memory lane commences in 1997, a breakthrough year for Retronix as it introduced its Component Reclaim service. As a solution to obsolescence, allocation and component shortage, the process—which safely recovers and refurbishes valuable and hard-to-find components from scrap, obsolete and redundant PCBs—remains at the forefront of the business. A key component of the company’s Circular Economy Programme, Component Reclaim, also reduces the effects of electronic waste on the environment by actively supporting customers’ waste and scrap reduction.

In 1999 Retronix added another string to its bow with Laser Reballing. Unlike the traditional reflow method, solder ball attachment is performed by a laser system using an infrared wavelength—significantly exceeding IPC requirements—as the BGA is not exposed to heat stress during reballing. The service also fulfills manufacturer specifications for component rework up to three reflow cycles. Retronix remains the only company to offer laser reballing.

In the new Millennium, Retronix launched Counterfeit IC Testing in 2006 and Automated Retinning in 2012. The most recent innovation, Micro Device Hot Solder Dip, launched in 2021 and provides customers with an automated solution to tinning micro devices and capacitors such as 0402s, 0603s, SOTs to GEIA STD.

Fast forward to today and Retronix is still the same family business it was 30-years ago, but now operating on a larger and more global scale. While Scotland is still home to Retronix’ HQ, the company has expanded into the USA with a new facility in Pflugerville, Texas. Complete with a suite of Retronix services, the new facility is a direct response to increasing demand from the US market.

Director and founder Tony Boswell, who is as involved in the business now as he was on day one, shares his thoughts on Retronix celebrating 30-years: “The 30 years have flown by, working with great people who enable the company to constantly innovate to keep pace with a fast-moving industry has been key to our success. Here’s to the next 30-years!”

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Pressure on electronics manufacturers is intense. Component supply issues and heightened demand is compounded by increasing material costs. Thus, it is critical that quality management teams improve production processes. To thrive in this environment companies must drive production routine efficiency, while maintaining quality control.

The cornerstone of efficiency involves reducing the number of operations, while speeding the operations that remain. The process begins with configuring presets, reducing multiple key processes to a single action. Using image comparisons to highlight differences between a current sample and a ‘golden sample’ is beneficial. Also, introducing overlays further improves efficiency by highlighting areas of interest.

Clearly, excellent image quality is key to accuracy; an ultra-sharp image ensures even the smallest detail is not overlooked.

There are tools that can further improve accuracy from lighting and software accessories to options such as a supervisor lock function, which ensures consistency by preventing non-standard or non-compliant inspections. A 360deg viewer allows any area of a PCB to be viewed from any angle without operator manipulation.

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Respect the supply chain

Glenn Richey, the Raymond J Harbert Eminent Scholar and chair of the Department of Supply Chain Management in Auburn University’s Harbert College of Business, discusses the current supply chain crisis

Is the Covid-19 pandemic completely to blame for supply chain disruptions?

The pandemic created a cascading disruption that impacted supply chains at their most vulnerable points. Plants that normally operated 24/7 were closed. Suppliers were also closed. Many manufacturers and suppliers could not ramp quickly enough to meet the post-pandemic demand because a focus on cost above responsiveness provided no safety net. Raw materials and parts suppliers paused and held limited inventory. Being so lean caused inventory to dry up.

Why are cargo ships unable to dock and unload cargo?

There are many reasons as port operations are complex, but I think the current critical issues are pandemic recovery demand, e-commerce demand growth and an unwillingness to do the work required at choke points, including some western US ports.

When supply chain functions create bottlenecks, employees and management step up and do what it takes to avoid being the weakest link. That was not happening at US West Coast ports until recently. They finally started working nights and weekends in southern California and now say they’re moving to 24-hours. The situation is more than an infrastructure issue. It is a labor relations and productivity issue that is adding pressure to other ports like Savannah, Georgia.

Is supply chain automation a possible long-term solution to many of these problems?

Automation can help us toward a long-term solution, but there is no magic bullet. Automation assists supply chain processes. If the company focus is efficiency, it works to speed the process while also reducing human error. That’s a big plus, but not something that fixes a major bottleneck like we are experiencing today. If the focus is adjusting to market issues, automation can become a massively costly investment that might even become irrelevant.

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Supply Chain

Automation saves cost and human error but can limit a company’s ability to respond to market and customer needs. Innovative management and employees remain our most important asset in the US. Combining those people with automated material-handling equipment and automated trucks should help us to return to normalcy in time.

There is a shortage of computer chips, so auto manufacturers can’t make new vehicles. Why?

Raw materials are in high demand and low supply while manufacturers are ramping production. It is easier for chip manufacturers to send millions of devices to cell phone companies. They could send the same to GM, but why deal with interventionism when you can distribute at home in massive quantities? Why deal with the relationship and political risk in the US?

One silver lining may be that consumers now have a better understanding, even respect, for all facets of the supply chain. What a teachable moment for the Auburn students studying supply chain. Agree?

When supply chain functions create bottlenecks, employees and management step up and do what it takes to avoid being the weakest link

Community: Customers now know what a supply chain is, but they don’t understand supply chains. They don’t know the complexity, distance, cost and speed issues, and why should they? Consumers just want the product now. Understanding that supply chains have limited capacity, maybe customers will come to realise that they don’t need everything in two days.

Government: Politicians need to know there is no ‘the’ supply chain. Supply chains are many and beyond direct control of our government, outside of blocking/delaying distribution to our citizens. Supply chains make up massive networks of global companies connecting to support world commerce. Politicians should not criticise private industry when many supply chains involve public entities, including the Chinese and other governments. Maybe public servants will spend time learning about and understanding the importance of the supply chain?

Universities: Our Supply Chain Management program at Auburn has seen massive interest and related growth, but many universities pay almost no attention to supply chain management education. That needs to change if we want to respond effectively to future disruptions. Perhaps all this attention to supply chain management will encourage the growth of new programs, helping us increase the much-needed talent pool. Until then, I encourage every interested undergraduate and graduate student to consider Auburn.
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Buyers spoiled for choice

Purchasing professionals attending Southern Manufacturing & Electronics 2022 are offered a productive way to meet many suppliers during these times of restricted travel.

Southern Manufacturing & Electronics returns to Farnborough from 8 to 10 February 2022. Production and automation hardware, components, software, business and subcontract services will all feature, pulling together vendors from across the UK, continental Europe and beyond.

The organiser anticipates the 20,000m² Farnborough International Exhibition Centre to be fully booked when the exhibition opens. The variety of participants makes it among the finest UK exhibitions for finding products and engineering know-how, both locally and internationally. During these times of restricted travel, the chance to deal with multiple supply chain issues in a single visit is not to be missed.

Roughly half the floor area is dedicated to electronics, within which visitors will encounter many familiar names. Production and inspection hardware exhibitors include Mycronic, exhibiting its adaptable PCB manufacturing solutions intended to help reduce operational running costs and increase yield. Alongside its usual exhibits, Blundell Production Equipment is launching the i-Pulse Yamaha M20 auto-placement machines, with specialists on hand to guide visitors through set-up and functionality.

Those looking to source components are spoiled for choice. Transfer Multisort Elektronik (TME)—one of Europe’s largest distributors—carries over 500,000 product lines covering semiconductors, IoT components, optoelectronics, passive/electromechnical components, connectors and more. UK-based firms include Sinclair & Rush and Easby Electronics, specialists in components such as custom batteries, power supplies, semiconductors, displays, electromechanical, passive components, optoelectronics, IoT devices and EV charging equipment.

OEM manufacturers include a selection of connector specialists such as Yamaichi, Coax Connectors and Selwyn Electronics. TDK-Lambda UK will display two of its latest power supply ranges: the UK-designed CUS400M; and the latest additions to its Genesys+—programmable power supplies. ESI Technology will showcase its GS4400 pressure transmitter with RS-485 interface. New releases from Midas Displays include smart TFT displays with CAN bus interface and RGB LCDs.

Subcontract expertise ranges from design and contract assembly to PCB production and inspection. Electronics design and software development consultancy Ignys will be offering specialist advice on designing-around the global chip shortage. Esprit Electronics will highlight its range of services, including PCB assembly, NPI, DFT/DFM, test and inspection, conformal coating and box build. PCB specialists returning for 2022 include European Circuits and Shenzhen X-Mulong.

The free seminar programme returns for 2022 in a socially-distanced setting. Content includes energy reduction, innovation, supply chain and business strategy, plus a deeper examination of current industrial and post Brexit regulations.

Farnborough International Exhibition Centre is among Europe’s most up-to-date exhibition sites, with extensive infection control measures. There’s free onsite parking for 3,500 vehicles, plus a dedicated free bus service between Farnborough’s train stations and the show. Services include free WiFi and on-site catering.

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Where Industry and Innovation converge

Over 600 national and international suppliers come together to exhibit at Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre this February for Southern Manufacturing and Electronics (inc AutoAero) 2022. Meet the power behind UK manufacturing industry and see live demonstrations and new product launches of machine tools & tooling, electronics, factory & process automation, packaging & handling, labelling & marking, 3D print technology, test & measurement, materials, composites & adhesives, rapid prototyping, ICT, drives & controls and laboratory equipment.

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The exhibition is free to attend, free to park and easy to get to. Doors open at 9.30am on Tuesday 8th February.
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