

As part of our continuing efforts to support our customers globally, Stackpole will be adopting a new part numbering system. There are three main reasons for the part number change:

1. It was frequently mentioned as an area for improvement in our annual customer survey
2. The current part number format, while easy to read and interpret, contains characters such as spaces, percent signs, backslashes and periods that are not accepted in part number fields in many ERP systems.
3. The size designation for many surface mount products is based on power ratings that are now obsolete.

The following is an example of a thick film chip resistor along with our current part number and the new global part number:

**Description** – Chip Resistor, 0603, 3.32Kohm, 1%, 1/10W, Tape and Reel

**Current Stackpole Part** – RMCF 1/16 3.32K 1% R

**New Stackpole Part** – RMCF0603FT3K32

<b>RMCF</b>	<b>0603</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>3K32</b>
SEI Series	Size	Tolerance	Packaging	Value

We have tried to keep the new part number format as close to the existing part as possible while eliminating the problems with computer-unfriendly characters and ambiguous size designations.

We will begin accepting the new part number from January 3, 2011. In order to give our customers sufficient time to convert to the new part number, we will accept either part number format until December 31, 2011. To make the transition as smooth as possible, all relevant Stackpole documentation such as packing lists, invoices, bar code labels and acknowledgements will contain both part number formats during the transition period.