To Our Valued Customers:

Over the next few months you may notice that the plating finish of some components inside our enclosures has changed from zinc and yellow chromate to zinc and clear chromate or that there is a mixture of these two plating materials. Please be assured that this is not a quality issue!

Hoffman is in the process of becoming compliant with the European Union Directive 2002/95/EC and its requirements on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic products and equipment. The directive specifically prohibits/restricts the use of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE). Since zinc and yellow chromate plating contains unacceptable levels of hexavalent chromium, we will transition away from this in all our products over the next few months.

We plan to have all Hoffman products fully compliant by the EU required date of July 1, 2006. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please contact: Al Siemers, Manager of Customer Service, (763) 422–2653.