

**ORDERING INFORMATION**

The products in this handbook are identified by type numbers. All physical and technical properties of the product are expressed by these numbers. They are therefore recommended for both ordering and use on technical drawings and equipment parts lists.

The 11-digit code, used in former editions of this data handbook, also appears on packaging material.

Smallest Packaging Quantities (SPQ) are packs which are ready for shipment to our customers. The information on the barcoded label consists of:




- Technical information:
  - type number
  - 11-digit code number
  - delivery and/or production batch numbers
- Logistic information:
  - 12-digit code number
  - quantity
  - country of origin
  - production week
  - production centre.

The 12-digit code used on the packaging labels, provides full logistic information as well.

During all stages of the production process, data are collected and documented with reference to a unique batch number, which is printed on the packaging label. With this batch number it is always possible to trace the results of process steps afterwards and in the event of customer complaints, this number should always be quoted.

Products are available throughout their lifecycle. A short definition of product status is given in the table "Product status definitions".

**Product status definitions**

STATUS	INDICATION	DEFINITION
<b>Prototype</b>		These are products that have been made as development samples for the purposes of technical evaluation only. The data for these types is provisional and is subject to change.
<b>Design-in</b>		These products are recommended for new designs.
<b>Preferred</b>		These products are recommended for use in current designs and are available via our sales channels.
<b>Support</b>		These products are <b>not</b> recommended for new designs and may not be available through all of our sales channels. Customers are advised to check for availability.