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Open letter/notification to all Ulti-Mate Connector customers

RE: **LASER MARKING PROCESS CHANGES AT ULTIMATE CONNECTOR**

This letter serves as notifications to all Ulti-Mate Connector customers regarding a change in process of our connector markings.

Ulti-Mate product has been utilizing a Video Jet Ink Marking process to mark Part number, Lot #, Date Code, UMI identification, Cage Codes, Mil spec part numbers and various customer requested markings. Our marking has been in two styles—a white UV cure video jet ink, and black high temperature video jet ink.

To improve manufacturability, we are transitioning to Laser Engraving/Marking. We have conducted extensive tests to ensure that the laser marking does not affect the plating of the metal shells and continues to provide permanent marking adhesion without any chance of corrosion or other detrimental effects to our metal shells.

Ulti-Mate currently laser marks most products and will continue to transition to fully rely on Laser Engraving/Marking. This change will not apply to parts with black plating or made of black plastic.

We received approval from DLA on this process change and we have test results available upon request.

Additionally, all future Order acknowledgments will go out, to all our customers, with the following note/disclaimer on the acknowledgment:

WE ARE HEREBY NOTIFYING CUSTOMERS THAT A MARKING PROCESS CHANGE IS REQUIRED AND MAY AFFECT THE LOOK OF PREVIOUS PART MARKINGS. WE ARE CHANGING TO A LASER MARKING PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DLA AND SEVERAL CUSTOMERS. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT FORM/FIT/FUNCTION AND IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE PERMANENCE OF THE MARKING. IF YOU NEED ANY QUALIFICATION INFO ON THE MARKING, PLEASE CONTACT OUR QA DEPT

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,



Alex Hordo

Director of Quality-Ulti-Mate Connector, LLC