



Directive 2002/95/EC Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS)

Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

Webster range of hydraulic test equipment

The Webster range of hydraulic test equipment comes under Category 9 of the RoHS directive – “Monitoring and control instruments”. The RoHS directive currently excludes products under categories 8 and 9. There is an industry belief that these categories will eventually have to meet the RoHS requirements, probably by 2009 / 2010. Webtec is constantly updating and evolving all product designs and it is expected that all these products will be RoHS compliant within 18-24 months as non-RoHS compliant electronic components are gradually made obsolete by the electronics industry worldwide.

All Webster test equipment can be returned to the manufacturer, Webtec Products Ltd, for recycling according to the conditions laid out in the WEEE directive.

Webtec range of hydraulic components

The vast majority of hydraulic components manufactured by Webtec are entirely mechanical. The main area for concern regarding RoHS compliance has been the plating process. This has been changed from hexavalent chrome to trivalent chrome over the last few months. As a result all of the designs of Webtec hydraulic components without electric control are RoHS compliant.

A small number of Webtec hydraulic components use electrical / electronic control and where the designs are sold in sufficient volume (not for use as spares), the circuits are currently being updated to meet the RoHS standard.

All Webtec hydraulic components with electrical or electronic control can be returned to the manufacturer, Webtec Products Ltd, for recycling according to the conditions laid out in the WEEE directive.

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REACH Legislation

Webtec manufactures two product lines: hydraulic components and hydraulic test equipment. Both product lines are non-chemical and under normal and reasonable foreseeable circumstances will not release any chemical substances. Our manufacturing division does not manufacture or import substances concerned by REACH, therefore in the terms of REACH we are so called 'Downstream users'. It is therefore our understanding that Webtec are not obliged to register or required to create safety data sheets under REACH legislation.

The aim of REACH is to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the better and earlier identification of the properties of chemical substances. Webtec consider this to be of utmost importance and as required will provide customers with information about chemicals of 'very high concern' used in our products; initial analysis shows that there are no such substances.

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