

**Goal:**

AVX's goal is total customer satisfaction through continuous improvement

## Lead Free Overview

The electronics industry is one of the worlds pre-eminent economic sectors and due to high growth and the global nature of the business; it has been at the forefront of environmental developments and improvements.

International agreements, such as EU directives (RoHS, WEEE, and ELV), individual nation state requirements, and customer specifications have established criteria that dictate the elimination or reduction of recognized hazardous materials from commercial products offered for sale. In many areas AVX has met or exceeded these requirements well ahead of scheduled deadlines.

### Corporate Environmental Charter

In 1991 we became one of the leaders of industrial environmental preservation by establishing an environmental charter. This was one of the first formal declarations of environmental commitment and included a comprehensive action plan towards the well being of individuals and communities.

### Lead Free

Lead is a widely used material in the electronics industry largely because of its conductivity and relatively low cost. AVX has been working on a "drop-in" replacement for lead for many years and has proven that 100% tin is the most effective replacement.

AVX has taken significant steps towards the removal of lead in the terminal plating of our components. Recently, we were awarded the prestigious "Sony Green Partner award" for our work in tantalum capacitors.

Our goal is to remove Lead from all surface mount component terminations by the end of 2003.

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