

News Release

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BELDEN UNVEILS DATATUFF® CATEGORY 6 UTP ROUND DESIGN CABLES – AND ALL-NEW INDUSTRIAL ETHERNET USER GUIDE

RICHMOND, IN – Belden (NYSE: BDC), a world leader in the development of signal transmission products for the industrial, building management, enterprise, broadcast, and security markets, has introduced a new Category 6 DataTuff® Twisted Pair cable, once again expanding its comprehensive family of Industrial Ethernet cables. The new cable – Product No 7940A – is EtherNet/IP compliant and is a round construction, which makes it well-suited for sealed Industrial Ethernet connectivity applications.

Belden developed the new Cat 6 Industrial Ethernet cable in response to the trend towards “future proofing” of mission-critical network and automation system backbones being installed in discrete industrial manufacturing, processing plants and large industrial infrastructures, such as water treatment and utility plants, airports, transportation terminals and shipyards. For these applications, building or upgrading to meet the Category 6 performance standard (TIA/EIA 568-B2-1) provides assurance that the network will be well-equipped not only to support today’s increasingly sophisticated data communications, but also new and emerging technologies.

Belden’s robustly constructed 7940A Cat 6 Unshielded Twisted Pair (4-Pair UTP) 23 AWG cable features a solid bare copper conductor and a heavy-duty oil- and sunlight-resistant jacket. In addition, the cable features Belden’s exclusive Bonded-Pair technology, a patented design that bonds the individual insulated conductors of each pair along the full length of the cable. The Bonded-Pair cables maintain a consistent distance between conductors, with no twisting or performance-robbing gaps, resulting in superior electrical performance both before and after installation. Belden calls this unique capability Installable Performance®.

The Industrial Ethernet cable line includes DataTuff® copper-based Category 5e and Category 6 cables and TrayOptic® Indoor/Outdoor Fiber Optic cables. The ruggedly constructed family contains cables that are oil-, chemical- and moisture-resistant, built to withstand extreme temperature variations, and resistant to electrical noise (EMI/RFI). Belden Industrial Ethernet cables deliver top performance, consistent reliability and long service life, even in the most demanding industrial environments and mission-critical applications.

Belden’s New *Industrial Ethernet User Guide* Now Available!

Belden is also pleased to announce its new *Industrial Ethernet User Guide*, a 16-page brochure offering specific information about the dramatic performance differences between commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) Ethernet components typically used in office environments, and Belden’s ruggedly built industrial-grade components.

Belden products for Industrial Ethernet applications include Belden Industrial Ethernet Cables, Hirschmann Switches, and Lumberg Automation Connectivity Components. The User Guide also provides a wealth of product information, a practical at-a-glance Cable Selection Guide, and a detailed description of nine critical tests that prove the superiority of Belden industrial-grade

cables over COTS cables. The new Belden *Industrial Ethernet User Guide* is now available for download at the Belden Website: www.belden.com/industrial.

For more information about Belden Industrial Ethernet cables, ask for Product Bulletin #231. Belden, P.O. Box 1980, Richmond, Indiana 47375, 1.800.BELDEN.1. FAX: 765.983.5294. Or visit our Web site: www.belden.com/industrial.

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