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APEM, Inc. Proposition 65 Statement

APEM products contain chemicals which are listed in the State of California's Proposition 65, the *Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act*. APEM's switches and LED indicators contain nickel in nickel plating form. APEM's joysticks, trackballs and other control products contain carbon black in molded plastic components. APEM, Inc. has chosen to provide a warning based on its knowledge about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the exposure. With APEM's products, the exposure may be negligible or well within the "no significant risk" range. However, out of an abundance of caution, APEM, Inc. has elected to provide the following warnings:

All APEM switches and LED indicators manufactured after August 30, 2018:



WARNING: This product may contain chemicals, including nickel, known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information: www.p65warnings.ca.gov

All APEM joysticks and trackballs manufactured after August 30, 2018:



WARNING: This product may contain chemicals, including carbon black, known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information: www.p65warnings.ca.gov

What is Proposition 65?

In 1986, California voters approved Proposition 65 (also known as Prop 65), the *Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act*. Prop 65 ensures that consumers in California are informed about exposure to chemicals known by the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and/or other reproductive harm. As part of the law, the State of California is required to publish a list of chemicals that are "known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity." The current list contains approximately 1,000 chemicals and is updated on a regular basis. The complete list of chemicals can be found on the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) website at <https://oehha.ca.gov>. If a product sold in California could expose a California resident to one of the listed chemicals, then the product must include a warning notice unless it is deemed to pose "no significant risk". With respect to cancer causing toxicants, "no significant risk" is the level which would result in no more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. With respect to reproductive toxicants, "no significant risk" is the level of exposure which, if multiplied by 1,000, will not produce birth defects or other reproductive harm. Additional information on Prop 65 can be found online at: <http://www.p65warnings.ca.gov>

A Proposition 65 warning notice does not necessarily mean that a product is dangerous or harmful. The threshold exposure limits that the State of California has set for many of the listed chemicals are below the safe limits set by other regulatory agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration or the World Health Organization.