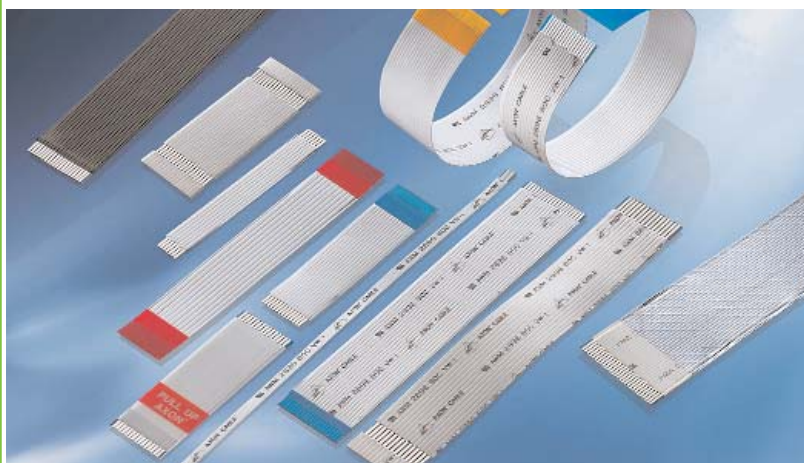


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The Asian market for flat flexible cables is rapidly expanding, especially in China.



AXOJUMP®

AXON' increase their FFC manufacturing capacity in China

To support this trend, AXON' CABLE, Europe's biggest manufacturer of flat cables, will open a new 5000 m² factory on 25th February 2004 in Shunde, Guangdong Province, China.

This factory will be dedicated to the manufacture of flat flexible cables for the Asian consumer and automotive electronics markets

The main advantage of FFC (Flat Flexible Cables) is the substantial space and weight reduction in comparison to round cables. Increased flexibility and flex life are also a considerable advantage.

The new Chinese AXON' factory will principally offer three types of flat cables :

■ AXOJUMP®

cut and pre-stripped flat cables for board-to-board interconnections.

These cables are made up of tinned copper conductors insulated with Polyester tapes. AXOJUMP® is then automatically cut to length and pre-stripped for direct solder onto circuit boards or equipped with reinforcement tapes for use with ZIF/LIF (Zero/Low Insertion Force) connectors.

These cables are offered with standard pitches of 2.54/1.27/1.25/1.00/0.80 and 0.50mm. AXOJUMP® is compatible with the most commonly used connectors available on the market.

FFCs are used in numerous applications for consumer and automotive electronics : CD and DVD players, printers , liquid crystal displays, HiFi material, satellite receivers and decoders, notebooks, telephones, television sets, ceramic cooking plates, car radios, global positioning systems, ...

■ FLEXLINK® & PICOLINE®

flat conductor bulk cables for the wiring of longer distances or the manufacture of switch rotary couplers for the vehicle airbag systems.

These bulk flat cables are composed of copper conductors insulated with Polyester films. The standard FLEXLINK® and PICOLINE® versions are with 1.27 mm and 2.54 mm pitch. They are compatible with the most commonly used crimp contacts available on the market.

FLEXLINK® is mainly used for cabling consumer electronics equipment (pinners, computers, point of sale terminals, scales, ...).



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PICOLINE® are particularly suited for use in switch rotary connectors for air-bags. The small width and rounded external profile permits the reduction of dimensions and noise generated in the rotary coupler.

AXON' also offers complete flat cable harnesses composed of terminated and overmoulded FLEXLINK® and PICOLINE® flat cables.

AXON' manufacture their flat cables using highly sophisticated machinery where all the manufacturing steps are controlled on-line and adjusted electronically or by camera.

AXON' CABLE has invested in building and equipment in Shunde in response to the increasing demands of their Asian customers. Reduced lead times and increased capacity will enable AXON' CABLE to remain one of the leading suppliers of flat flexible cables.

A few words about AXON'

The AXON' group specialise in designing and manufacturing high tech conductors, electronic cables and interconnect solutions for markets such as consumer electronics, telecommunications, computer, automotive, military, medical, aeronautics, space ...

The headquarters of company is situated in Montmirail in France (100km east of Paris) and employs 1700 staff world-wide in 10 subsidiaries (France, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, USA, Japan, China, Hungary, Latvia), four of them specialising in the manufacture of flat flexible cables.

Its consolidated turnover amounts to 80 million euros in 2003. 50 % of the sales are achieved in export.

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