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## **NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS**

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### **Scope :**

All suppliers operating in accordance with Rolls-Royce approval and / or purchase order requirements.

### **Subject :**

Potential Hazard - Silicone Oil Contamination on engineering / manufacturing processes.

### **Background :**

Rolls-Royce has been advised by a major customer that a potential hazard may exist as a result of personnel wearing rubber wristbands containing free silicone. We have received reports that silicone from these wristbands is prone to "rubbing off" in contact with other surfaces and can adversely affect the adhesive properties used in a number of processes such as :-

- Bonding
- Painting
- Soldering
- Conformal coating and other encapsulation processes.

Wristbands of the type (frequently multi-coloured) widely promoted in support of international charities have been highlighted as being particularly prone to this type of release / subsequent contamination.



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**Action Required :**

- In light of the serious consequences of any potential contamination of this kind, we would now ask that no such wristbands be worn by any production, support or engineering personnel who may be involved in work packages being delivered to / or in support of Rolls-Royce purchase orders, where any associated operations may be sensitive to silicone contamination.
- Please cascade this information and action as necessary within your respective facilities / workforce.

Yours faithfully  
For Rolls-Royce plc.

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