

News Release

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Cooper Wiring Devices' Arrow Hart[®] Line Announces Industry's First Receptacle-Based AFCI Solution

Arrow Hart combines innovation and technology to develop UL-approved AFCI receptacle.

PEACHTREE CITY, GA, October 18, 2010 – The Arrow Hart[®] line of Cooper Wiring Devices, a leading electrical wiring device products manufacturer, is pleased to announce UL approval for the electrical industry's first Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) Receptacle.

The Arrow Hart AFCI Receptacle protects against electrical fires caused by arcing faults in electrical wiring due to deterioration or damage to the wire or cord. Some causes include puncturing of wire from picture hanging or cable staples, poorly installed receptacles and cords caught in doors or under furniture. While conventional circuit breakers only respond to overloads and short circuits, AFCIs are more selective of arcing conditions that can have catastrophic results.

Receptacle-based solutions for AFCI are viewed as potentially better alternatives to AFCI breakers due to their ease of use (no long-distance reset required) and installation. The improved user interface is an added advantage, since the average person is more likely to push a button on a receptacle than open a panel. Commercial availability of a receptacle-based solution is an important step to gaining National Electric Code (NEC) approval, and attaining UL approval represents a significant step forward in that process.

"Our forward-thinking, solutions-based approach to product development continues to result in cutting-edge offerings, and our AFCI receptacle is a great example of this" said Dave Pawl, president, Cooper Wiring Devices. "We look forward to the introduction of this industry-first device as a part of a robust collection of new products that we have on deck."

Cooper Wiring Devices' Arrow Hart commercial products have been developed to the highest standards, engineered with unique features that can help reduce installation time, improve safety and provide years of high performance under constant use. Arrow Hart industrial products are designed to provide exceptional performance in even in the harshest manufacturing environments to reduce downtime, improve safety and increase employee productivity.

To learn more or to download an electronic copy of the new Arrow Hart buyer's guide, visit www.arrowhart.com. Also learn more at www.cooperwiringdevices.com. Inquires about the Arrow Hart AFCI product line can be directed to cwdmarketing@cooperwiringdevices.com

About Cooper Wiring Devices

Cooper Wiring Devices, a trusted name in electrical products, features Arrow Hart commercial and industrial solutions, CORE Lighting Controls, residential wiring devices and Cooper Interconnect industrial, military, aerospace, and subsea connectivity solutions. Cooper Wiring Devices is committed to providing products that increase productivity, energy efficiency, safety at work and in the home, and provide reliable performance. Cooper Interconnect, a Cooper Wiring Devices' business unit, is a leading manufacturer of sophisticated interconnect solutions for demanding environments and features well-known brands such as G&H, WPI, Burton, General Connector brands Cam-Lok, and Thorkom. A division of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), Cooper Wiring Devices is headquartered in Peachtree City, GA with international manufacturing and distribution facilities. For more information on Cooper Wiring Devices visit www.cooperwiringdevices.com.

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global manufacturer with 2009 revenues of \$5.1 billion. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained level of success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining the highest ethical standards, and meeting customer needs. The Company has seven operating divisions with leading market share positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and Metalux lighting fixtures; and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power systems products. With this broad range of products, Cooper is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the demand for higher energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. In 2009, sixty-one percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and thirty-nine percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper has manufacturing facilities in 23 countries as of 2009. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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