

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2014. As we launch into 2014 and reflect on 2013, it's an exciting time for Methode Electronics' Data Solutions Group, comprised of MDSG, CTI, dataMate and Active Energy Solutions (AES).

Last year was a banner year for Methode. In September, we introduced our new Data Center Infrastructure Management (DCIM) solution coupled with the Norlinx software suite. This turn-key product provides real-time metrics that can be used to make informed decisions, helping data center managers anticipate and prevent issues, save money and minimize downtime. You can read more about our DCIM solution on page three of this newsletter.

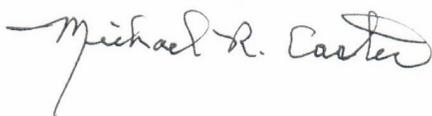
We've experienced significant growth with existing customers and welcomed several new customers domestically, as well as globally, as we continue to expand in size and offerings. Based on increased demand, we added to our European sales staff with Chris Austin, regional sales manager in the United Kingdom, who joined our team in November.

Along with new customers and staff, we joined with new partners and built upon relationships with our existing partners. By collaborating with these partners, Methode can continue to offer the best solutions possible for our data center customers in a timely manner and on a global scale.

We service customers across the world—providing data center products and services to several countries beyond the U.S., including Germany, Austria, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Scotland, Japan, Australia and Switzerland. Our manufacturing, design and testing capabilities span China, Egypt, Germany, India, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. Moving forward, these facilities will allow us to better service our global customer base with custom-engineered and application-specific products and solutions.

As we look ahead to 2014, Methode's Data Solutions Group is working on new offerings and product developments. One design update, the Compact Pro-Slide LC Connector, is featured on page three of this newsletter. Its sleek design allows for higher-density applications without the headaches of traditional connectors. This is just one of the data center products that we're developing based on feedback from you, our customers. With the added bench strength of a larger global sales team, more products and expanded manufacturing, we anticipate another great year for both our company and our customers.

On behalf of our entire Data Solutions Group team, I wish you a prosperous New Year, and we look forward to additional growth and collaboration in 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Carter".

Michael R. Carter
General Manager

Service the Present, Connect to the Future

Methode's Data Solutions Group focuses on staying ahead of our customers' needs. Our reputation for expert knowledge and quality services supports the challenges you and your company face regarding information transport. Methode manages its projects with a team of highly motivated project managers who average more than 14 years in the cabling and data center industries, surpassing nine years at Methode and a combined experience of over 175 years. Our team members know the data center world and focus on you getting the most from your infrastructure. Our team of experienced and professional specialists understands that the success of your project is determined by preparation and planning.

Methode's project management staff and technicians are well trained and equipped to meet the most demanding industry and client requirements. The Professional Services team maintains certifications from several professional organizations, such as BICSI, the Fiber Optic Association and the Electronics Technicians Association. Our signed around continuing education to maintain the certifications.

Specialized fiber optic from Corning Cable Brigade. As technologies change at a rapid pace, you can feel confident that Methode's technicians are trained and familiar with the latest standards and practices.

We provide services to our customers nationwide through our corporate office located in Richardson, Texas, and regionally-staffed project managers. We are partnered with three national staffing and consulting firms to supply local technician support for those requiring additional coverage. All contracted staff are screened and certified by Methode.

Methode also has the ability to provide products and services in Europe. Today, Methode supports customers in Ireland, England, The Netherlands and Germany. Many of our U.S. customers now are being serviced in Europe by us, as well—with the same quality and consistency.

Our Professional Services team is focused on providing the highest quality service in the industry to our customers. We pride ourselves on building long-term relationships and becoming not only a services provider, but also a valued "partner" in your organization.

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Robert Neumann
Director of Professional Services

Methode, Norlinx Team for DCIM Solution

Last September, Methode announced the integration of its DCIM suite of monitoring tools with the analytics and management software of Norlinx, which provides simple, logical and complete DCIM software, products, data center floor planning, integration services and data center security.

One of the biggest obstacles in integration of different monitoring tools is the integration of different monitoring tools that analyze the data. The Methode combines the monitoring and analytics suite, allowing customers to achieve rapid ROI and immediate benefits.

Methode's revolutionary single IP (CCM) serves as the collection point for environmental monitoring, asset tracking, electronic lock and Power Distribution Unit, management. Data is delivered from the CCM to Norlinx's applications: GSM Rack, GSM Power and GSM air and space.



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Watch a video demonstration of Methode and Norlinx's DCIM collaboration [here](#).

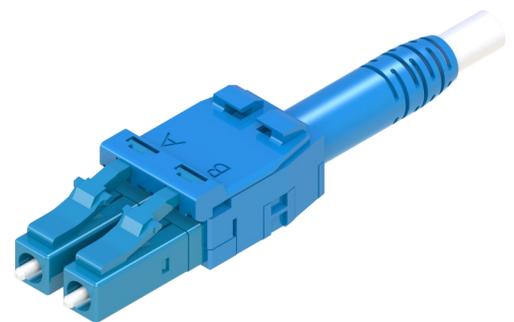
NEW Compact Pro-Slide LC Connector

Introducing the smaller, sleeker Compact Pro-Slide LC Connector from Methode Electronics – Data Solutions Group. From the inventors of the original push-pull LC connector, the Compact Pro-Slide allows for simplified high-density applications. The streamlined connector measures 9.2 millimeters shorter and 3.4 millimeters less in overall height than the original Pro-Slide LC, making it comparable in size to Methode's standard single-body LC connector.

The Compact Pro-Slide LC is available in single-mode, multi-mode and APC configurations. Its polarity can be changed in the field to accommodate various configurations. While standard connectors require space for the RJ-45 latch, the Compact Pro-Slide LC is easy to remove, even in high-density applications.

Compact Pro-Slide LC Connector Features:

- Smaller frame that reduces required space between connectors by 50 percent
- 9.2 mm shorter in length than Pro-Slide LC
- 3.4 mm shorter in height than Pro-Slide LC
- Simple push-pull insertion and removal in high-density applications
- Meets IEC 61574-20 and TIA/EIA 604-10A standards and is ROHS compliant

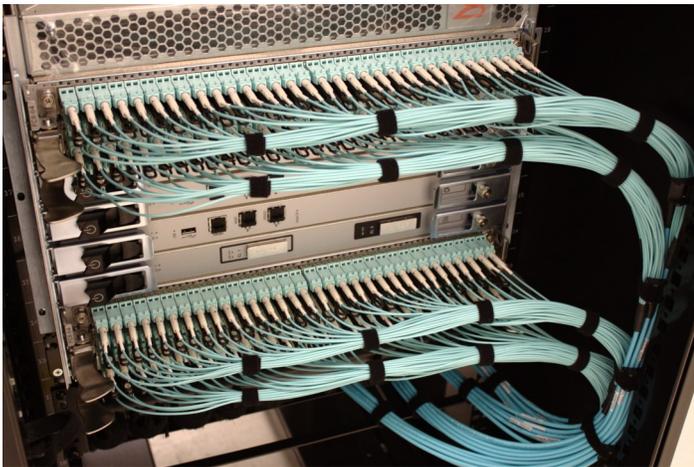


[Click here](#) to watch the Compact Pro-Slide LC Connector in action.

Quantum™ Receives Official Trademark

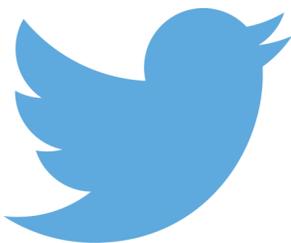
Methode's Quantum™ Cabling Solution has received its official trademark from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is approved to begin use of that trademark, effective Jan. 6, 2014. The mark, which has been in commercial use since October 2010, is registered for fiber optic connectors and couplings, fiber optic cables, patch panels, cabling routing systems and mounting rack systems. The Quantum's trademark application was filed on April 1, 2013, and published for opposition on October 29, 2013.

Methode also applied for and received a patent (patent number 8,391,663 B2) for the Quantum Cabling Solution on March 5, 2013.



The Quantum Cabling Solution provides optimal connectivity through a highly efficient and reliable cabling infrastructure. Quantum minimizes part numbers and allows for easy access and trouble shooting, making it highly functional and efficient. Additionally, its simple configuration is aesthetically pleasing and reduces excess cable slack. The solution is adaptable to both vertical- or horizontal-mounted SFP blade systems and can be mounted in any 19-inch rack.

With the official trademark and patent, Methode protects its Quantum Cabling Solution brand and sets it apart as a differentiated product in the market.



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**Data Centre
World**
London
Feb. 26-27, 2014

**AFCOM
Fall 2014**
Orlando, FL
Oct. 19-22, 2014

**AFCOM
Spring 2014**
Las Vegas, NV
April 28-May 2,
2014

**Data Center
Dynamics**
London
Nov. 19-20, 2014

**DataSpan
Partner Fair**
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October 2014