

Standard Terms & Conditions of Sale



These terms and conditions govern the sale of all products and services ("products") by Circad Design Limited ("Seller") and apply notwithstanding any conflicting, contrary or additional terms and conditions in any purchase order or other document or communication ("purchase order") from buyer. These terms and conditions may only be waived or modified in a written agreement signed by an authorised representative of seller. Neither seller's acknowledgment of a purchase order nor seller's failure to object to conflicting, contrary or additional terms and conditions in a purchase order shall be deemed an acceptance of such terms and conditions or a waiver of the provisions hereof.

1. ORDERS. All orders received are subject to acceptance by Seller. Orders for standard products, if cancelled by Buyer may be subject to a cancellation fee or restocking charge at the sole discretion of the Seller. Orders for special or custom products shall be non-cancellable.

2. PRICES. Prices shall be as specified by Seller and shall be applicable for the period specified in Seller's quote. If no period is specified, prices shall be applicable for thirty (30) days. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prices shall be subject to increase in the event of an increase in Seller's costs or other circumstances beyond Seller's reasonable control unless a fixed contract price is tendered or agreed in writing by Seller prior to acceptance of order. Prices are exclusive of import duties, insurance and shipping charges unless specified otherwise in the quotation. All quoted prices exclude VAT.

3. TERMS OF PAYMENT. Payment shall be net thirty (30) days from date of invoice or as otherwise specified by Seller. Buyer agrees to pay the entire net amount of each invoice from Seller pursuant to the terms of each such invoice without offset or deduction. Orders are subject to credit approval by Seller, which may in its sole discretion at any time change the terms of Buyer's credit, require payment in cash, bank wire transfer or by official bank cheque and/or require payment of any or all amounts due or to become due for Buyer's order before shipment of any or all of the Products. If Seller believes in good faith that Buyer's ability to make payments may be impaired or if Buyer shall fail to pay any invoice when due, Seller may suspend delivery of any order or any remaining balance thereof until such payment is made or cancel any order or any remaining balance thereof, and Buyer shall remain liable to pay for any Products already shipped and all Non-Standard Products ordered by Buyer. Buyer agrees to submit such financial information from time to time as may be reasonably requested by Seller for the establishment and/or continuation of credit terms. Cheques are accepted subject to collection and the date of collection shall be deemed the date of payment. Any cheque received from Buyer may be applied by Seller against any obligation owing from Buyer to Seller, regardless of any statement appearing on or referring to such cheque, without discharging Buyer's liability for any additional amounts owing from Buyer to Seller, and the acceptance by Seller of such cheque shall not constitute a waiver of Seller's right to pursue the collection of any remaining balance. Under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts Regulations 2002, Seller can exercise its statutory right to charge interest and an administration charge on all invoices overdue. If Buyer fails to make payment when due, Seller may pursue any legal or equitable remedies, in which event Seller shall be entitled to reimbursement for costs of collection and reasonable legal fees.

4. DELIVERY AND TITLE Delivery of Goods to the Buyer is not included in the price. If, one week after the Seller has notified the Buyer that the Goods are ready for delivery, for any reason the Buyer will not accept delivery of the Goods, or the Seller is unable to deliver the Goods because the Buyer has not provided appropriate instructions, documents, licences or authorisations, all risk in any Goods with thereupon pass to the Buyer. The Goods will be deemed to be delivered and the Seller may store the Goods until delivery and the Buyer shall be responsible for all related costs, including, without limitation, all costs for storage and insurance. Seller retains title to Goods until Seller has received full payment. Buyer irrevocably agrees that Seller or Seller's agents can enter Buyer's premises to remove goods for which Buyer is in payment default. Demand for the return or recovery of Goods shall not discharge the Buyer's liability to pay the whole of the invoice or the right of the Seller to sue for the whole invoiced amount plus legal costs and expenses. Risk of loss passes to Buyer upon delivery of Product to Buyer. Seller shall use reasonable efforts to initiate shipment and schedule delivery as close as possible to Buyer's requested delivery dates. Buyer acknowledges that delivery dates provided by Seller are estimates only and that Seller is not liable for failure to deliver on such dates. Seller reserves the right to make deliveries in installments. Delivery of a quantity that varies from the quantity specified shall not relieve Buyer of the obligation to accept delivery and pay for the Products delivered. Delay in delivery of one installment shall not entitle Buyer to cancel other installments.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF PRODUCTS AND PRODUCT RETURNS. Inspection and acceptance of the Products shall be Buyer's responsibility. Buyer is deemed to have accepted the Products unless written notice of rejection is received by Seller within five (5) days after delivery of the Products. Buyer waives any right to revoke acceptance thereafter. Buyer shall report any discrepancy in shipment quantity or damage within five (5) days after delivery. Buyer accepts that Seller is not responsible for damage due to Seller's non compliance with special handling or inspection warnings on packages containing optical components, electrostatic sensitive products or products requiring specialist inspection techniques or environments. No return of Products will be accepted by Seller without a Return Material Authorisation ("RMA") Number, which may be issued by Seller in its sole discretion. Returned Products must be in original manufacturer's shipping cartons complete with all packing materials. All Products for return shall be returned freight prepaid in the manner specified in the RMA. If returned Products are claimed to be defective, a complete description of the nature of the defect must be included with the returned Products. Products not eligible for return shall be returned to Buyer, freight collect.

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