

# Re: Difference between the two Farnells

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On Fri, 19 Sep 2008 12:58:05 +0100, Eeyore  
<[rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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:Ross Herbert wrote:  
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:> Eeyore wrote:  
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:> :CPC may be cheaper but may be lower grade parts.  
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:> Are you sure???  
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:> If a CPC part number is identical to the other Farnell company part then both  
:> parts will be from the same source I would imagine.  
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:I've never come across that situation. It is a FACT that CPC stock lower grade  
:'consumer' parts whereas Farnell stock more 'professional' parts.  
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:Otherwise why have 2 companies ?  
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:Graham

Note that I qualified my comments by saying that where CPC sell the same part number as Farnell it will probably be sourced from the main Farnell buying group. It is true that CPC sell different items to the Farnell items, BUT, these do not use the same part numbering system as Farnell items. For example, I purchased gold flashed pcb mount RCA phono sockets from CPC and they were individually packaged and looked to be very well made.  
<http://cpc.farnell.com/CN00627>

CPC part numbers are distinctly different from similar items in the Farnell range. Farnell has a smaller range of pcb mount RCA phono connectors and none of them were as good as the CPC part number above, and they were cheaper. eg. <http://uk.farnell.com/1280699/> UKP0.56 pk/2. By comparison the CPC part number CN00627 is UKP0.65 pk/1.

Looking at the Premier Farnell (parent coy) 2008 annual report it seems that CPC

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distributes the range of electronic components offered by Farnell, but in addition they also add audio–visual and security products. These latter items I suspect form CPC's "private label offering", by–passing the main MDD buying department – see below.

### QUOTE:

The other businesses within MDD, namely CPC and MCM, operate primarily on a national basis in their home markets (UK and Ireland, and North America, respectively) and are focused on a particular subset of the overall electronics distribution market.

CPC and MCM supply electrical and electronic ranges, such as audio–visual and security products, to very broad customer bases, from specialist retailers and small businesses to large organisations.

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