

Re: Vendor fraud? Electromechanical relays

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Hmm. Well, for example they say they are authorized distris for Aromat/NAIS. I looked at Aromat's web site and onlinecomponents.com is not listed as a distri. I looked at Omron's distributor search and searched for "online" and "onlinecomponents" and then all distris in CA, and didn't find onlinecomponents.com listed there either. I then went to National Semiconductor (another company on their linecard), searched on their ZIP code, and didn't find them listed there either.

This isn't proof of anything, of course, but it's an interesting data point. Also note that their contact-us page implies strongly that they're a small dotcom operation and the diversity of merchandise they carry implies they're like a 99c store – they buy up surplus stock..

I don't put much weight on the "stamped number came off" issue. I've seen poorly-stamped part numbers on genuine parts. The smoking gun is that the relay had the wrong number of poles.