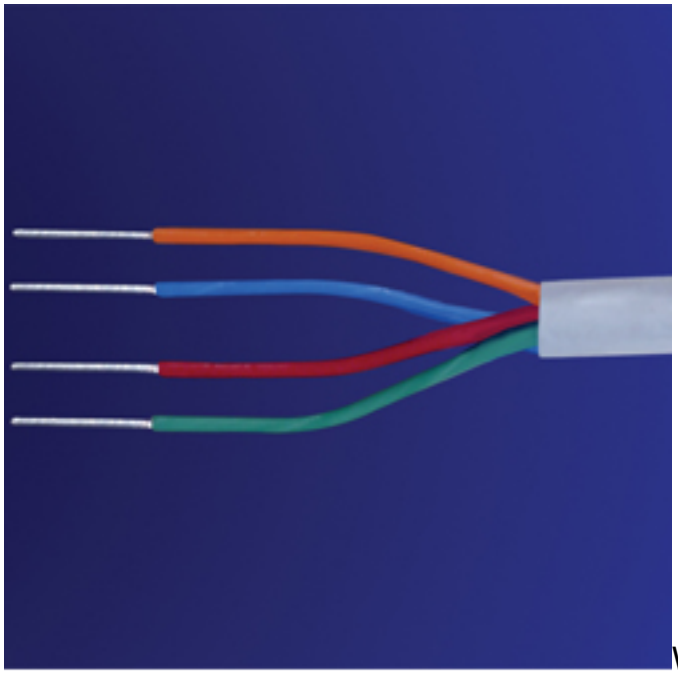
Gore Announces Partnership with A. E. Petsche for JSF Program



W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc., has entered into a strategic partnership with A. E. Petsche Company to provide GORE FireWire Cable Products for the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) F-35 Lightning program, the Department of Defense's next-generation strike aircraft system for the Navy, Air Force, and Marines. A. E. Petsche will manage the requirements of all program partners to ensure optimum stocking levels and timely distribution.

According to Tom Sharp, Gore's JSF Program Manager, Gore entered into this partnership because of A. E. Petsche's proven ability to address customer requirements quickly and effectively. "Our commitment to the JSF F-35 Lightning program is well established through many years of support. This alignment addresses emerging needs to provide value-added services that extend beyond the physical product," explains Sharp. "And one of the most significant benefits of this partnership is that these additional services will come without any increase in cost to the customer."

A long-term partner with Gore, A. E. Petsche is a well-recognized provider of logistics services supporting interconnect products to the aviation industry. Glenn Davidson, Chief Executive Officer of A. E. Petsche, says the company will stock JSF/F-35 products in the United States as well as in Europe, meeting demand through its widely recognized ZERO-BASE Inventory Program, which provides customers reliable material flow and consistent quality. Davidson summarizes, "Our customers depend on us to be solution-providers. Through this partnership with W. L. Gore & Associates, adding F-35 Lightning products to our existing product range will provide just-in-time delivery solutions for this important program."

About W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
Gore is a leading manufacturer of thousands of advanced technology products for the electronics, fabrics, industrial and medical markets. Perhaps best known for its waterproof and breathable GORE-TEX fabric, the company's portfolio features a diverse array of innovations, including everything from guitar strings to life-saving cardiovascular devices. Gore is headquartered in Newark, Delaware, posts annual sales of $2.5 billion, and employs 9,000 associates in 30 countries worldwide. It is one of a select few companies to appear on all of the U.S. "100 Best Companies to Work For" lists since the rankings were introduced in 1984. Visit www.gore.com [1] to learn more.

A.E. Petsche Company, Inc.
A.E. Petsche Company is the world's leading supplier of high-performance military/aerospace interconnect products and services. The company is headquartered in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, and operates sales offices and distribution centers worldwide. Effective in December 2009, A.E. Petsche Co. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arrow Electronics, Inc. For additional information on A.E. Petsche Co., visit www.aepetsche.com [2]

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