

Clearfield Launches Compact Ready Connect Terminal, Delivering Craft-Friendly Fiber Solutions

Ready Connect Terminal Maximizes Aesthetic and Functional Benefits for Any Deployment Environment

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Clearfield, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:CLFD), the leader in community broadband fiber connectivity, today announced the release of the StreetSmart® Ready Connect™ Terminal (RCT), a small, craft-friendly fiber terminal designed for pedestal applications that supports up to eight drop connections when mid-span is needed. Developed based on the demands of the market and feedback from customers, this innovative terminal addresses key operator needs, such as space constraints, ease of installation, and long-term reliability. It is optimized for small pedestals, such as Clearfield's CraftSmart® FiberFirst™ 6-inch pedestal, providing a discreet, aesthetically pleasing solution.

The Ready Connect Terminal is engineered to offer exceptional flexibility in diverse application environments, including rural, suburban, and urban deployments. Its design supports both terminated and spliced drops and includes features such as a removable splice tray for easy fiber routing of up to 24 loose-tube fibers. These capabilities make the Ready Connect Terminal an ideal solution for operators seeking efficient, scalable, and reliable fiber connections in above-ground pedestal installations.

"The compact design of the Ready Connect Terminal ensures operators can meet the increasing demand for fiber broadband while maintaining the aesthetic integrity of residential and commercial spaces," said Clearfield's Chief Marketing Officer, Anis Khemakhem. "With its ability to handle mid-span and drop terminations, the Ready Connect Terminal simplifies the deployment process for technicians, helping network providers bridge the digital divide faster and more cost-effectively."

Features and Benefits:

- **Compact Design:** Optimized for deployment in Clearfield's 6-inch CraftSmart pedestal, offering a low-profile solution for residential and commercial areas.
- **Ease of Access:** Includes a removable splice tray and adapter plate for cleaning, scoping, and splicing, enabling technicians to complete installations efficiently.
- **Robust Protection:** Durable materials and lay-in grommets provide secure cable retention, ensuring long-term reliability across various environmental conditions.
- **Flexible Applications:** Supports mid-span splicing and drop terminations, making it suitable for diverse deployment scenarios.

The [StreetSmart Ready Connect Terminal](#) is optimized to address customer needs in above-ground distributed TAP and distributed split architectures. Unlike alternative terminals, the

Ready Connect Terminal is specifically designed for small pedestal applications, offering a smaller footprint and easier installation without compromising network performance.

“Clearfield continues to deliver innovative solutions that simplify fiber deployments and provide a scalable solution. The Ready Connect Terminal also includes key features that provide security to the fibers and flexibility in how it’s deployed in the outside plant where space is a premium,” said Donny Colson, Director of OSP Engineering and Operations, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative. “The Ready Connect Terminal fits perfectly into our plans as it gives our field installation teams splicing options, protects the fiber strands from damage from animals, and allows us to streamline deployment as it can be used with all of our member network deployments.”

The Ready Connect Terminal is available for orders. More information on the StreetSmart Ready Connect Terminal can be found on the [data sheet](#), in this [introductory video](#), or by visiting www.SeeClearfield.com.

About Clearfield, Inc.

Clearfield, Inc. (NASDAQ: CLFD) designs, manufactures, and distributes fiber optic management, protection, and delivery solutions that play a critical role in enabling broadband operators to close the digital divide. Our labor-lite, craft-friendly platform is leveraged by community broadband, MSOs, incumbent service providers, ISPs, data centers, military, municipalities, and co-ops - from homes passed to homes connected faster and more efficiently. Headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, Clearfield deploys more than a million fiber ports each year. For more information, visit www.SeeClearfield.com.

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