

## The Next Generation of Clearfield Clearview Cassette Unveiled

New Clearview Cassette offers optional Expansion Ring, making it the most cost-effective, low count, self-contained fiber management device in the industry.

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- <u>Clearfield, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: CLFD) announced the unveiling of an enhanced version of its Clearview Cassette, the building block of the FieldSmart Fiber Management Platform. The new product is designed to further improve ease-of-use and turn-up times for technicians.

The Clearview Cassette 1.2 builds upon the original design with a number of workmanship enhancements that will improve the technician's ease-of-use. Critical to the new design, Clearview has added the Expansion Ring, an optional sixth component. With the addition of the Expansion Ring, the Clearview Cassette doubles, or triples, in height and provides slack storage within the cassette. According to Clearfield Chief Operating Officer Johnny Hill, this feature makes the cassette the most cost-effective, low count, self-contained fiber management device in the industry.

"The Expansion Ring allows for buffer tube slack storage in a very compact 12-port fiber management device with multiple placement opportunities. Alternatively, it can effectively integrate optical components whose input/output count exceeds 12 ports -- while maintaining a consistent Clearview footprint throughout all FieldSmart fiber management products, applications, and network areas," Hill said.

The Clearview Cassette now has the ability to integrate any configuration of optical component devices up to 36 ports, with the addition of one or more Expansion Rings. This provides an optical component package in the Clearview footprint and the fiber management products into which it integrates.

These developments allow Clearfield to continue to deliver telecommunications service providers with the proven means to align their investment in capital equipment alongside subscriber turn-up revenue.

## Clearview Multiplied

As an "Any Application, Anywhere Multiplier," the Clearview Cassette 1.2 reduces training and installation time for the technician and allows for a single fiber management component to be stocked for all environments. The result is reduced inventory stocking levels during installation and maintenance.

The Clearview Cassette ensures that all the basic principles of fiber management are satisfied without exposure to environmental hazards or human interaction. Integrated cassette components fully nest into the cassette's main housing to support any application or fiber type desired. Within the cassette, all fibers from the sub-assembly are slack-stored,

bend radius protected, and secured against accidental physical damage from handling. Designed to handle the toughest operating environments, the Clearview Cassette provides flexibility and reliable performance in the access network, the central office and in the field.

The Clearview Cassette utilizes a clear outer housing allowing for quick and easy first step troubleshooting of unacceptable light conditions. Tool-less snap-together nesting covers and a removable 12-pack adapter plate allow for easy access to terminated sub-assemblies for maintenance and cleaning.

## Availability

The Clearview Cassette is available for ordering and is currently shipping. For more information on the new Clearview Cassette, please contact your Clearfield sales representative.

About Clearfield, Inc.

Clearfield, Inc. designs and manufactures the WaveSmart Platform of Powered Optical Signal products, including the WaveSmart PowerNode 1550 EDFA, and the FieldSmart Fiber Management Platform, which includes its latest generation FieldSmart Fiber Distribution System (FDS), FieldSmart Fiber Scalability Center (FSC) and FieldSmart Fiber Delivery Point (FDP) series. The FDS, FSC and FDP product lines support a wide range of panel configurations, densities, connectors and adapter options, and are offered alongside an assortment of passive optical components. Clearfield provides a complete line of fiber and copper assemblies for inside plant, outside plant and access networks. Clearfield is a public company, traded on NASDAQ: CLFD.

More information about Clearfield, Inc., its products and its people can be found at www.ClearfieldConnection.com.

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