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Clearfield® Increases FTTx Simplicity and Flexibility with In-box Fiber Reel

Ease-of-use, flexibility increases number of fiber installations per day

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Clearfield, Inc.](https://www.clearfield.com/) (NASDAQ:CLFD), the specialist in fiber management for communication service providers, today announced general availability of the FieldShield® FLEXdrop™ Deploy Reel, the latest addition to Clearfield's portfolio of fiber and drop assemblies. Designed for deployment at the demarcation point, the FLEXdrop Deploy Reel provides technicians ease-of-use and flexibility to simplify and increase the number of FTTx installations per day.

This press release features multimedia. View the full release here:

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FLEXdrop Deploy Reel and YOURx TAP (Photo: Business Wire)

"Clearfield's FieldShield FLEXdrop Deploy Reel is already providing early-adopter customers better options for FTTx installations while decreasing the

amount of time technicians have to spend on-site for service wiring and turn-up," said Kevin Morgan, Clearfield's chief marketing officer. "As the latest edition to Clearfield's FieldShield fiber and drop cable solutions, the FLEXdrop Deploy Reel provides another tool for service providers to quickly install to the home, MDU or business, an adaptable-length drop cable for rapid turn-up with minimized on-site time."

FieldShield FLEXdrop is UV/UL listed and built with bend-insensitive singlemode G.657 A2 fiber and an indoor/outdoor plenum rated flexible sheath. FieldShield FLEXdrop fiber can be stapled with standard T18 or other rounded staples, pass through conduits, or placed in riser and plenum spaces. Additionally, there is no need to know exact fiber lengths because excess FieldShield FLEXdrop remains stored on the deploy reel.

"Expanding our FTTx deployments is a key priority for us as we look to deliver the bandwidth and services our members want. Anything that helps lower the cost and expedites service activation time is an asset that cannot be undervalued," said Eric Kehler, Plant Operations Manager for DirectLink which serves the Canby and Mt. Angel, Oregon Areas. "Clearfield continues to deliver the products and services we need to maximize return on investment and shorten time to revenue for new fiber-based services. The FieldShield FLEXdrop Deploy Reel is another valuable addition to the toolkit our system integrators will leverage to reduce inventory carrying costs, cut down design time and limit the overall costs associated with fiber deployments."

Now shipping, the FLEXdrop Deploy Reel is optimized for installation in the YOURx™-TAP and in the FieldSmart® SCD Wall Box. Within the YOURx-TAP, the deploy reel holds up to 100 feet of FieldShield FLEXdrop. The FieldSmart SCD Wall Box holds up to 200 feet of FieldShield FLEXdrop on the deploy reel or can alternatively store up to 100 feet of flat drop

slack (after having been stripped to its 3mm or smaller inner jacket).

On display at Cable Tec Expo, Oct. 23-25 in Atlanta, GA, details on the FieldShield FLEXdrop Deploy Reel can be found in the associated [data sheet](#) and at www.SeeClearfield.com.

About Clearfield, Inc.

Clearfield, Inc. (NASDAQ: CLFD) designs, manufactures and distributes fiber optic management, protection and delivery products for communications networks. Our “fiber to anywhere” platform serves the unique requirements of leading incumbent local exchange carriers (traditional carriers), competitive local exchange carriers (alternative carriers), and MSO/cable TV companies, while also catering to the broadband needs of the utility/municipality, enterprise, data center and military markets. 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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