

Fusible Link Date Code Manufacturing

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Dates on Fusible Links

Globe Technologies, Inc. is a manufacturer of both thermal and electric fusible link assemblies for the use in fire protection equipment. These links are specifically marked with the Globe designation, temperature rating, model number and year of manufacturer.

Marking requirements are part of the ANSI / UL Standard 33, "Heat Responsive Links for Fire Protection Service". Included in this UL approval is the marking of the date on the fusible links in relation to the time at which it was sold. To be more specific UL 33 states the following:

17.3 The year of manufacture shall be stamped or cast on a visible area of the heat responsive link. Links produced in the last three months of a calendar year may be marked with the following year as the year of manufacture, and those produced in the first three months of a calendar year may be marked with the preceding year as the year of manufacture.

Globe Technologies remains diligent in our role to control date coded products and to listen to market conditions. We do our best to offer dates on the link which represent the same year as the year purchased. In the case of our large volume models this becomes a matter of our day to day operations and inventory processes.

Unfortunately, there are models which Globe Technologies produces on a much lower volume annual usage. In order to continue to allow availability of these lower volume models at competitive pricing we must perform minimum manufacturing runs and place parts in finished goods. In many cases, a single production run will last the entire calendar year for a given model and have the potential to run into the new calendar year. This is predicated on when the run was produced, what the demand for that model may be, and timing of orders during the calendar year.

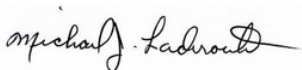
In these cases, Globe reserves the right to exercise our options as provided by our UL Approvals and will ship links with a previous calendar year up to and including the first three months of the new calendar year practicing excellent FIFO inventory procedures. In turn, we will also make every effort to ship our higher volume and market sensitive products labeled with the new calendar year up to three months prior to the change in years occurring on January 1 of the new year to those markets with more sensitive date code issues. . Although we make every effort to comply with customer requests, we cannot guarantee dates on fusible links other than that which is a part of our UL Approvals.

The fire codes allow for fusible links to be installed regardless of the date of manufacture of the link. The service life of a fusible link only begins when it is installed in the system and placed under a load and into adverse environmental conditions (*see our educational video titled "Date Codes on Fusible Links" located on our website and / or our white paper article on this subject*). This is of course predicated on the proper handling & storage of the links to be installed which must comply with manufacturer instructions maintaining cool, dry storage and protection against temperature fluctuations and / or potential damage while in storage.

Links manufactured by Globe Technologies, Inc are "The Heart of Every System"™ and must be handled, stored, and maintained with this in mind!

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact us directly.

Sincerely,



President



Vice President