

Product Change Notification PCN

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Dear customer,

the extreme fluctuations in the price of gold since September 2025 are forcing us to take immediate action so that we can continue to offer you our tactile switches at reasonable prices. The price of gold has risen by more than 50% since September, and given current political events, we do not expect this trend to stabilize in the short term.

Since gold is a key component of our RACON snap domes and contact tracks, the current increases in the price of gold are having a significant impact on our cost structure.

We are exploring various options to reduce gold usage in our RACON 8, RACON 8 ST, RACON 12 S, and RACON 12 ST - with the clear goal of continuing to ensure their technical quality and performance without compromise. For the RACON series, we will switch the gold plating process from strip plating to spot plating, so that gold is present only in the contact areas at the technically required thickness. You will receive the first series deliveries of individual variants starting in October 2026.

The change has no impact on the technical specifications and therefore does not alter the product's "form, fit, and function." The transition will be carried out without changing the RAFI part number.

Quality assurance for the technical change and subsequent series approval will be conducted using reference part numbers.

The change affects the following part numbers:

Article number	Description	Category of change	Description of change	Launch date
1.14.012.xxx/0000 9.14.012.xxx/0000	RACON 12 S tactile switch	<input type="checkbox"/> dimensional <input type="checkbox"/> appearance <input type="checkbox"/> materials <input type="checkbox"/> functional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other	change to spot plating for the snap dome and adjustment of the gold application	starting in October 2026
1.14.112.xxx/0000	RACON 12 ST tactile switch	<input type="checkbox"/> dimensional <input type="checkbox"/> appearance <input type="checkbox"/> materials <input type="checkbox"/> functional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other	change to spot plating for the snap dome and adjustment of the gold application	starting in October 2026

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1.14.100.xxx/0000 9.14.100.xxx/0000	RACON 8 tactile switch	<input type="checkbox"/> dimensional <input type="checkbox"/> appearance <input type="checkbox"/> materials <input type="checkbox"/> functional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other	change to spot plating for the snap dome and adjustment of the gold application	starting in December 2026
1.14.108.xxx/0000	RACON 8 ST tactile switch	<input type="checkbox"/> dimensional <input type="checkbox"/> appearance <input type="checkbox"/> materials <input type="checkbox"/> functional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other	change to spot plating for the snap dome and adjustment of the gold application	starting in December 2026

In case of questions or demands do not hesitate to contact the known RAFI contact person.

Please forward this important information also to other responsible departments in your company.

We thank you for the trust you have placed in us and our products and look forward to further cooperation with you.

Best regards,

Product Management

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