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 MEC EOL Announcement – 3ATL600, 3ATL620, 3ATL640, 3ATL680  
 Re: Illuminated 3A Switches

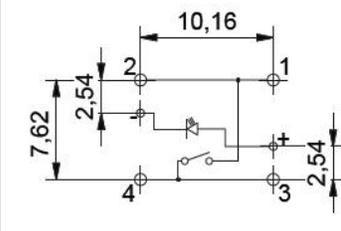
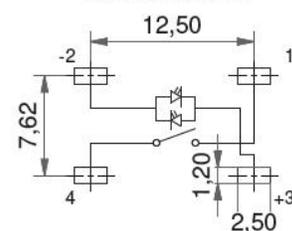
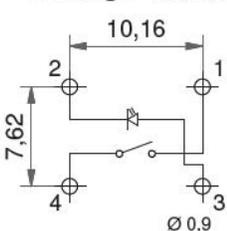
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Effective June 1, 2014, MEC will no longer offer illuminated 3A switches. Today, most original customers of illuminated 3A switches have changed to 5G series illuminated switches, causing production volume of illuminated 3A switches to decrease substantially.

We recommend that customers using illuminated 3A switches use 5G series illuminated switches instead.

5G illuminated switches come in both through-hole and surface-mount versions, and have four terminals rather than the illuminated 3A's six terminals, simplifying PCB design and placement. 5G switches also have integrated chip LEDs, which have better intensity and are offered in more color options, including bi-color.

Table 1 – Comparison

Switch	3ATL6xx	5G series
		
LED	pinhead	chip-LED (fixed)
Colours	Blue, Green, Yellow, Red	Blue, Green, Yellow, White, Red + bi-colours
Mounting	through-hole	through-hole & surface mount
Terminals	4+2	4
PCB layout		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>SMD/bicolour</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>TH/single colour</p>  </div> </div>

We are happy to work with you in making any design changes that may be needed. Please contact your local APEM/MEC sales rep if you have any questions, or would like samples of our 5G switches.

Sincerely

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