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Introduction: The ECIA Board of Directors assigned the GIPC (Global Industry Practices Committee) to research electronic component manufacturer websites and identify best practice examples for locating and listing authorized distributors and manufacturer representatives.

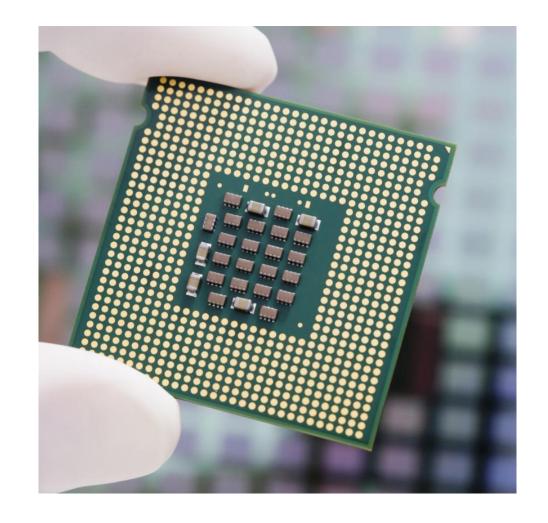
Design: By identifying best practice examples and publishing areas for consideration, it is the intent of this SMEG (Subject Matter Expert Group) to create awareness and guidance to improving this process. Doing so benefits all channel partners and enhances end customers' ability to locate product quickly and efficiently, thereby improving customer experience.

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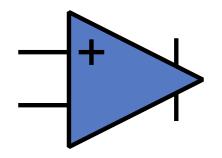
Why should Manufacturers follow best practices for listing their Distributors and Manufacturer Representatives?

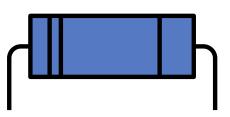
- 1. Provides quick and easy access for customers to locate authorized distributors and manufacturer representatives
- 2. Ease of use for the customer reflects well upon the manufacturer's brand and keeps customers engaged
- 3. Increases distributor and manufacturer representative opportunities for new customer orders
- 4. Improves market share and revenue growth for all manufacturers' business partners
- Increases the manufacturer's opportunity for design wins and customer acquisition
- 6. Displays tools that support the customer experience and links quality partners in the channel with their brand

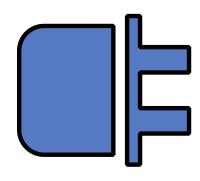
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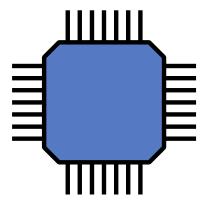
- On the manufacturer's home page
- 2. Consistently in the header and/or footer of the manufacturers' web site
- 3. In the "Contact Us" section of the website
- On all product detail pages













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How should Manufacturers list their Distributors and Manufacturer Representatives?

- 1. One-click from the homepage, header or footer, and "Contact Us" to a Distributor/Manufacturer Rep landing page
 - a. Provide an immediately visible and clear button and/or tab:
 - "Where to Buy" (Distributor)
 - "Sales Support and/or Technical Support" (Manufacturer Rep)
 - "Authorized Distributors and Manufacturer Representatives"
 - b. Logical order of information:
 - Distributors
 - Geographically global first, then regional; include country, region, state, city; then/or alphabetically listed
 - Filter with jump-to / drop down box for easy navigation
 - · If region-specific, ability to view all regions at once or switch between regions with 3 or fewer clicks
 - Manufacturer Reps
 - Geographically including country, state, city, zip code
 - Make it easy to view all listings and regions with just 1 click
 - For example, by using expand and collapse buttons
 - Avoid maps that users must click into and out of to switch regions
 - c. Include Distributor and Manufacturer Rep logos for easy recognition:
 - Hyperlink the logo to the manufacturer's page on the Distributor or Manufacturer Rep's website
 - Include current and accurate contact information (phone, e-mail, etc.)
 - d. Ensure the listing works and looks professional on mobile devices
- 2. Provide the following on all product detail pages
 - a. List authorized distributors and stock levels for each part
 - b. Link to a distributor site and populate a cart with part
 - c. If stock cannot be shown on product detail pages, provide a clearly visible button or tab of "Where to buy"
- 3. Ensure all information is accurate and kept up to date!

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Manufacturer website examples on slides 5-11



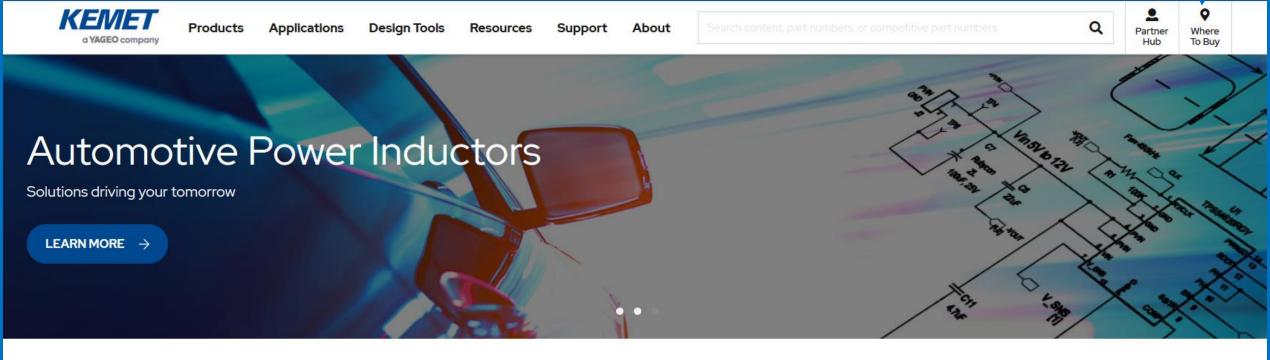






Clear, immediately visible "Where To Buy" button on home page





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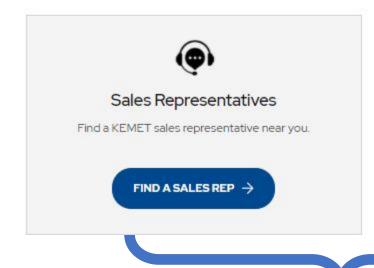
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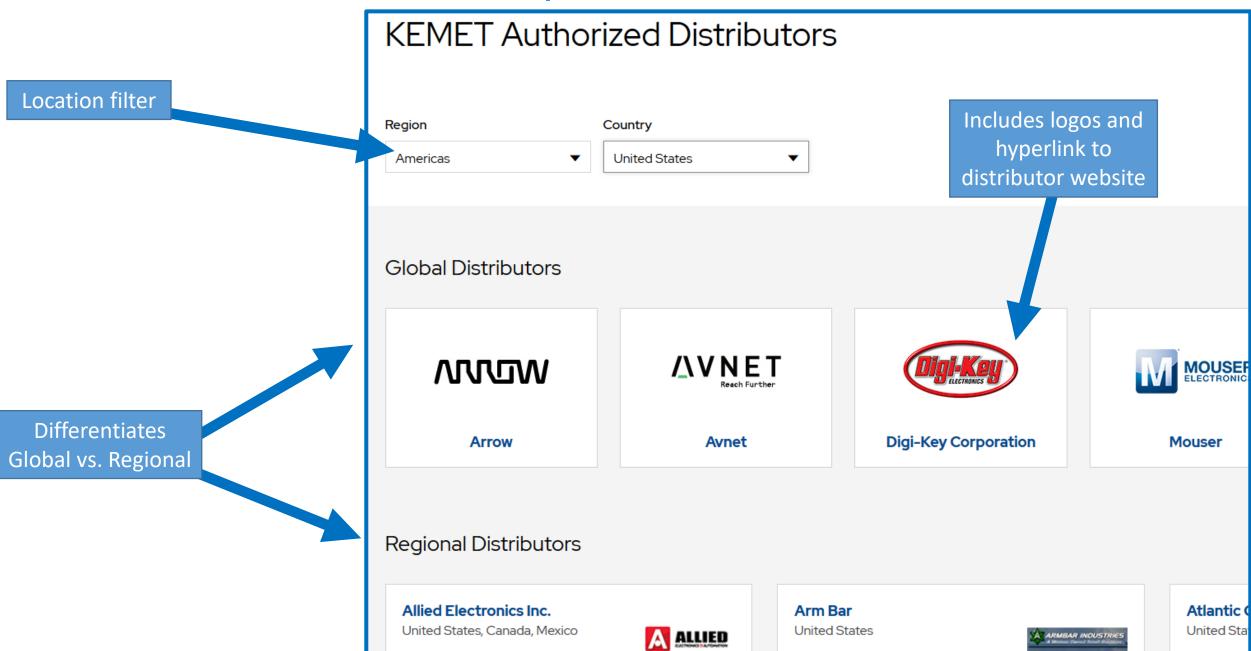


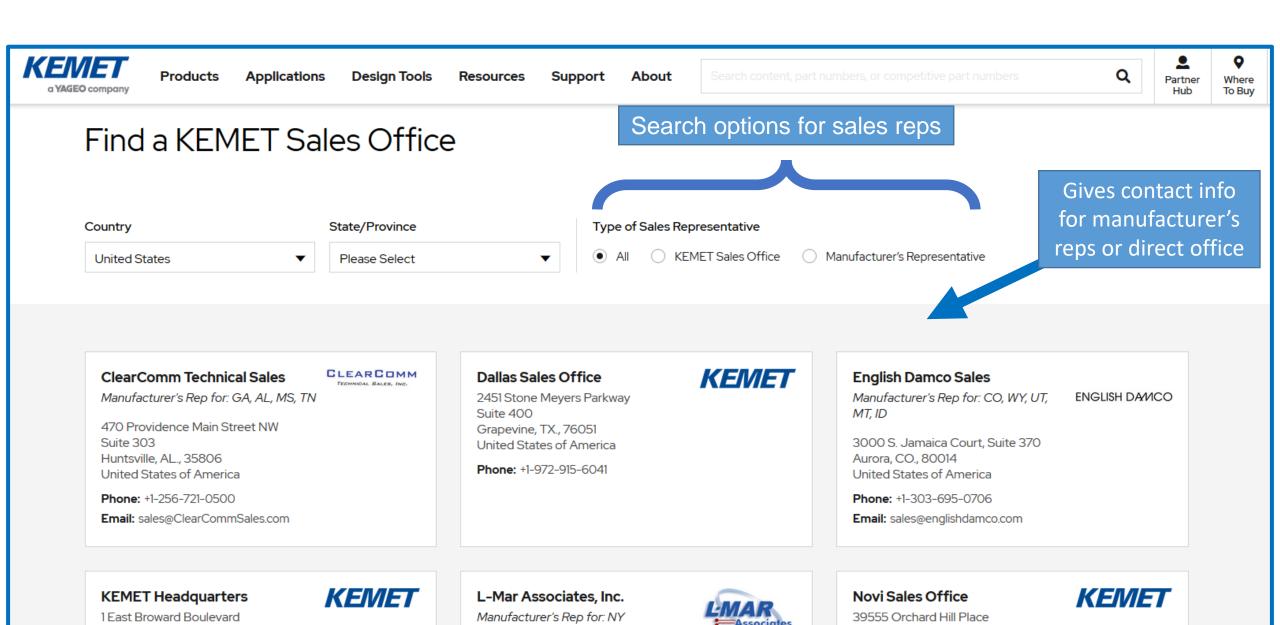


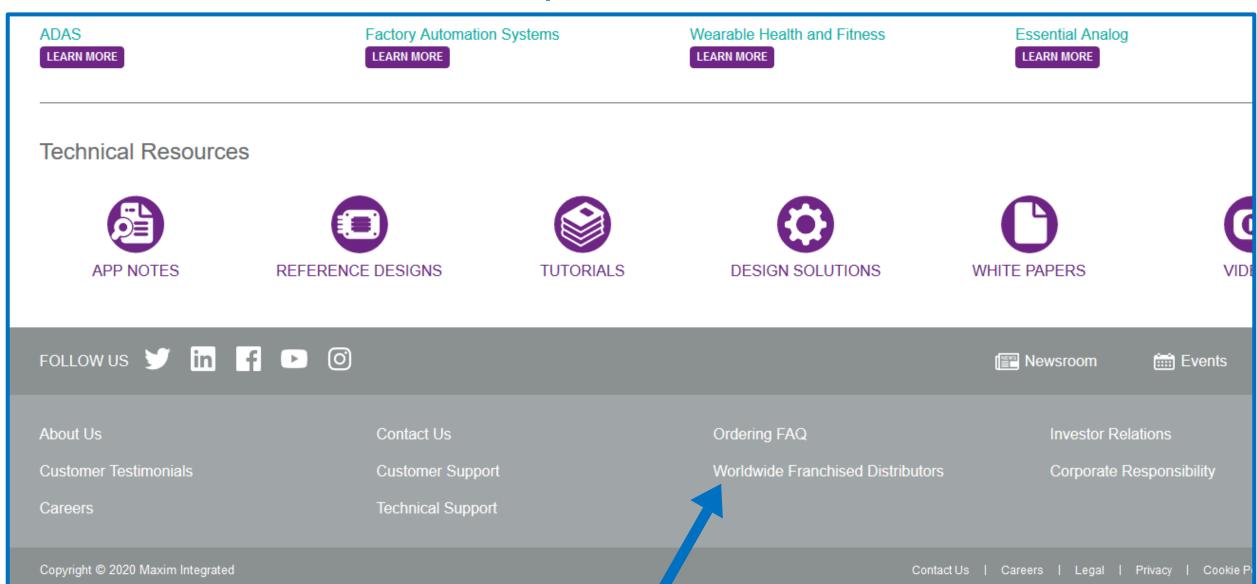




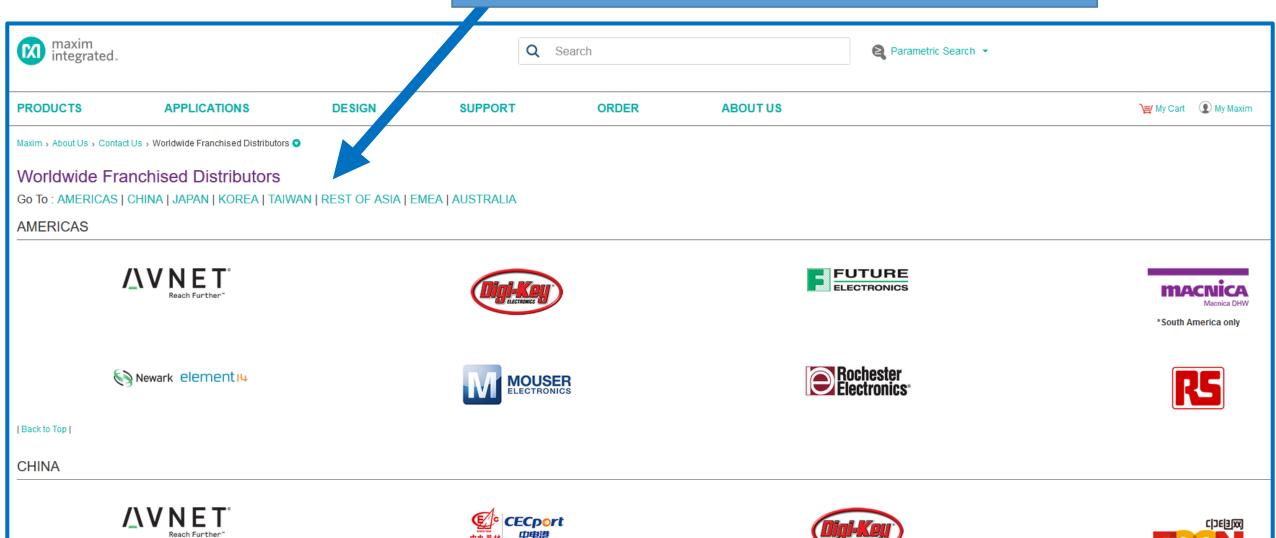
"Where to Buy" page has simple and clear Distributor and Sales Reps links







Jump-to links provide a quick way to view distributors by region



FUTURE

ON Semiconductor part detail page includes a link to view distributors with stock (using TrustedParts.com!)

