

Customer Information

Patent Infringement Policy

It is about 15 years now since the first mobile communication network operators started setting up their cellular networks. We here in Rosenheim are proud of the fact that base-station antennas made by Kathrein have played an important role right from the beginning in ensuring trouble-free operation of a huge number of mobile communication networks throughout the world. Antenna technology has made enormous progress over these last fifteen years and we can rightfully claim that we have always been at the forefront, setting the technical and quality standards.

It is thanks to the innovative ideas of our development engineers that, in addition to the typically broad frequency range of Kathrein antennas, excellent values for gain, front-to-back ratio, cross-polar ratio, isolation, passive intermodulation, squint, tracking and side-lobe suppression are achieved. Moreover, there is the possibility of adjustable electrical tilt for each individual frequency band, with which many of our antennas are equipped. It becomes clear what exceptional design efforts have been made by our research and development departments over the last fifteen years.

In addition to our customer's ever more stringent technical demands regarding our products, there are also their similarly strict requests for a continuous reduction in our prices. Each year we invest many millions of Euros in the new and further development of our products. Hundreds of engineers in all departments concerned are working full-out to satisfy our customers in all possible respects. It goes without saying that we thereby fall back exclusively on our own creative power.

Through relevant patents we have safeguarded at an early stage the many pioneering ideas of our development engineers. Thus, we have been granted over 240 patents world-wide (mainly in Europe and the USA) and over 180 further patents are pending.

However, we regret having to note an increasing number of serious patent infringements. Where such patent infringement is clearly proven, considerable costs can arise for all parties involved. Therefore, in the past and mainly for the protection of our customers, we have hardly started any legal proceedings against patent-infringing competitors. But we kindly ask you to understand that we can now no longer tolerate this significant distortion of competition.

We would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in us over the many years of our collaboration together. You may rest assured that we will continue to be a reliable partner for you in the future and assure you of our utmost cooperation.

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