

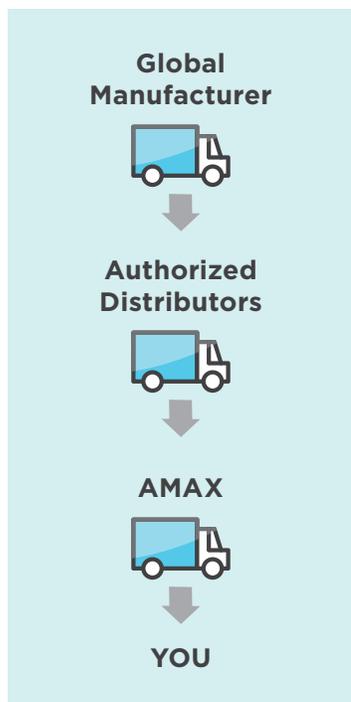
SAFE & SECURE MANUFACTURING AND END-TO-END SUPPLY CHAIN

AMAX is a leading innovator of OEM x86 Appliance Manufacturing solutions. Global organizations, including many of the world's best-known brands, use AMAX solutions to solve New Product Introduction (NPI) challenges, meet product development demands, reduce energy consumption, and stay competitive. AMAX is well known for quality manufacturing and continues to evolve and lead the industry with advanced equipment, new processes and procedures in the pursuit of manufacturing perfection. But our customers rely on us for more than just quality – they rely on us to provide a Safe & Secure, End-to-End Supply Chain.

What is Safe & Secure?

Simply put, a Safe & Secure supply chain means that AMAX is able to ensure that all components we use in production are verified authentic, are not tampered with, and are built, housed, and shipped in a secure manner. We accomplish this through various established processes:

- > AMAX only conducts business with and obtains components from well-known, authorized distributors, or directly from the manufacturer.
- > AMAX conducts audits of our distributor's processes to ensure that the material is routed directly from the manufacturer to the distributor in a Safe & Secure manner. When the material is received, the distributor conducts SKU/UPC scanning to verify the parts are correct & authentic, and stores the material in a secured warehouse closely monitored by on-site security and 24 x 7 x 365 surveillance
- > Upon receiving products, AMAX inspects a sample lot depending on the quantity received. Different components have differing criteria for inspection and any damaged or broken packaging, torn seals, or cut tamper proof labels are automatic grounds for rejection and requires 100% inspection on the entire lot. Additionally, to ensure no counterfeit products are received, AMAX has checks & balances in place to verify incoming product is authentic and direct from the manufacturer.
- > AMAX's Incoming Quality Assurance (IQA) process inspects packaging, authenticates product for revision, serial number, pack date and quantity, and verifies the visual appearance and overall condition of the part. Once approved, the product is scanned into AMAX's database and placed into stock.
- > AMAX's production and manufacturing floor is secured, in and out, by electronic badge access. Production servers are kept in secure, locked locations, and 24/7/365 live video surveillance is recorded and monitored – AMAX US monitors daytime activity while AMAX China monitors nighttime activity. All products are sealed prior to being stored in the warehouse.
- > AMAX is an active member of GIDEP (Government-Industry Data Exchange Program) whose primary objective is to avoid the use and delivery of items that are counterfeit, suspected to be counterfeit or contain a major critical nonconformance.



Why a Safe & Secure Supply Chain matters.



Having a certifiably secure supply chain eliminates concerns over counterfeit or used parts as well as parts that have been tampered with. As an example, counterfeit integrated circuits (ICs) might be blacktopped used parts or reverse-engineered copies. Such parts may function, but less reliably, or they may be programmed with hidden spyware or backdoors for espionage. AMAX's commitment to a Safe & Secure, End-to-End supply chain means we take full responsibility for the authenticity of all components we use to build our servers, storage systems and clusters. Our engineering, manufacturing, quality control, logistics, support, and our safe & secure, end-to-end supply chain are all essential pieces of the puzzle that enable us to achieve our goal: Achieving complete customer satisfaction.