

## The Future Price Index Rose to 3.000

### Price Analysis

The Price Index for May is 2.792 and will be 3.000 six months from now. The future index of 3.000 was last reached in December, 2015.

Industry personnel were asked, "In your opinion, what happened to connector prices in the past six months, and what will happen during the next six months?" The results of the May survey are shown in the following table:

### Change in Connector Prices

Price Change	Last 6 Months	Next 6 Months
<i>Change in Connector Prices</i>		
Increase a lot	0.0%	0.0%
Increase a little	20.8%	25.0%
Stay the same	41.7%	50.0%
Decrease a little	33.3%	25.0%
Decrease a lot	4.2%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

May	2.792	3.000
Apr	2.978	2.867
Mar	2.833	2.958
Feb	2.881	2.902
Jan-16	2.828	2.914
Dec	2.904	3.000

A price index above 3.000 means industry personnel believe prices have, or will increase. Methodology: Increase A Lot = 5; Increase A Little = 4; Stay the Same = 3; Decline A Little = 2; Decline A Lot = 1

The following table displays the distribution of responses on the question of prices.

### Distribution of Responses

Prices	Last 6 Months	Next 6 Months
Decrease 1-2%	12.5%	20.8%
Decrease 3-4%	16.7%	12.5%
Decrease 5-6%	8.3%	0.0%
Decrease 7-8%	0.0%	0.0%
Decrease 9-10	0.0%	0.0%
Decrease >10%	0.0%	0.0%
Stay The Same	41.7%	41.7%
Increase 1-2%	16.6%	20.8%
Increase 3-4%	4.2%	0.0%
Increase 5-6%	0.0%	4.2%
Increase 7-8%	0.0%	0.0%
Increase 9-10%	0.0%	0.0%
Increase >10%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Lead Times

Industry personnel were asked, “In your opinion, is lead time increasing, staying the same, or decreasing now and in 6 months from now?”

The following table provides the survey results, including distribution of responses:

### Order Lead Times on Connectors

Lead Time	Now	In 6 Months
Increase	12.5%	0.0%
Stay the Same	75.0%	82.6%
Decrease	12.5%	17.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
1 Week	4.2%	4.2%
2 Weeks	4.2%	12.5%
3 Weeks	8.3%	8.3%
4 Weeks	12.5%	8.3%
5 Weeks	8.3%	8.3%
<b>6 Weeks</b>	<b>41.6%</b>	<b>41.7%</b>
7 Weeks	4.2%	4.2%
8 Weeks	12.5%	12.5%
9 Weeks	4.2%	0.0%
10-12 Weeks	0.0%	0.0%
13-16 Weeks	0.0%	0.0%
>16 Weeks	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Average in Weeks - May</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Average in Weeks - Apr</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Average in Weeks - Mar</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Average in Weeks - Feb</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Average in Weeks - Jan-16</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Average in Weeks - Dec</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Average in Weeks - Nov</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>

Lead times are 5.5 weeks now, and forecast to be 5.1 in six months.