

## Chinese suppliers

Of course we should buy from the UK wherever possible. However things might be out of stock or unobtainable. Some simple things are very expensive for what they are.

There are three direct Chinese suppliers that I have found reliable and better than ordering through eBay. You might have to wait a month or so for the goods to arrive but generally they come well well before the estimated date. Prices can be strikingly different. Items often appear many times as the suppliers act as an electronic warehouse for many manufacturers. Always keep looking for the best price and check if postage is payable.

The three that I use are:

AliExpress <https://www.aliexpress.com/>

Banggood <https://www.banggood.com>

TomTop <https://www.tomtop.com/>

Note that above a threshold you might get caught and have to pay import duty. I believe the threshold to be about £18 per item. Mostly packets slip through but to be sure split large orders into smaller ones.