

October 1, 2014

Dear Valued Customer,

Our records indicate that your company may have purchased Racal Instruments™ 1260-12 and/or 1260-16 VXI bus, C-Size Relay Actuator Modules during the last 15 years. The item you purchased may have been branded as Racal Instruments™, EADS North America Test and Services or Astronics Test Systems.

The Racal Instruments™ 1260-12 and 1260-16 Relay Actuator Modules were introduced in 1989 and 1994, respectively. Due to limited demand and component availability, the 1260-12 is being discontinued and the 1260-16 is being removed from the current price list.

1260-12 VXI, C-Size Relay Actuator Module Mature Status with Last-Time-Buy

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
404774	1260-12	20-Channel, DPDT, 220 V, 2 A VXI bus, C-Size Switch Card

Mature items listed above will phase to obsolete status without further notice when existing component supplies and inventory are depleted or **March 1, 2015**, whichever occurs first. Once obsoleted, we regret that production orders will no longer be accepted. Customers interested in the last-time-buy program should immediately notify their Astronics Sales Representative with their forecast requirements, and place their order as soon as possible. Orders for mature items are addressed on a first come, first served basis and are subject to available supplies. Order acceptance is not guaranteed until confirmed by Astronics.

1260-16 VXI, C-Size Relay Actuator Module Removed Status with Last-Time-Buy

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
407348	1260-16	40-Channel SPDT, 5A VXI bus, C-Size Switch Card

Items transitioning to Removed status are eligible for a last time buy until existing component supplies and inventory are depleted, or on September 1, 2015, whichever occurs first. After that date, acceptance of further production orders is subject to factory quotation, with no guarantee of availability. Removed items may phase to mature or obsolete status at any time without further notification. Customers are encouraged to utilize the last time buy program to meet all estimated future requirements.

Available Service, Calibration, Repair and Support for the above Relay Actuator Modules:

Full service, calibration, repair, and customer support will remain available for the above products for a target of 5 years from the date of obsolescence, provided that the components required for the repair remain available. Once components required for repairs are no longer available, service is provided on a best effort basis. For questions regarding Customer Support, please email atshelpdesk@astronics.com or call 1-(800) 722-2528.

Potential Replacements

There are no drop-in replacements for the 1260-12 and 1260-16; thus for ease of product transition, all customers are encouraged to utilize the last-time buy program to meet all their future test systems and spares requirements where possible. In the event that there are additional needs, in some cases, customers may or may not be able to transition to a combination of one or more Adapt-a-switch modules together with a VXI carrier to functionally replace the mature/obsolete C-Sized switch module.

<u>Mature/Obsolete Items</u>		<u>Potential Replacement Items</u>		<u>Transition Notes</u>
<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Model Number</u>	
404774	1260-12	407973 or 407973-01T AND 407696	1260-101 or 1260-101/01T: Adapt-a-Switch™ VXI bus 2 plug-in, 1-slot, Switch Carrier with or without Option 01T installed. AND 1260-112: Adapt-a-Switch™ Plug-in	- No drop in replacement - New plugs and connectors and wiring changes are required
407348	1260-16	408012	1260-16A: VXI Bus, C-Sized, 64-Channel SPDT, 6 A Switch Card	
407348	1260-16	407973 or 407973-01T AND 407748	1260-101 or 1260-101/01T: Adapt-a-Switch™ VXI bus 2 plug-in, 1-slot, Switch Carrier with or without Option 01T installed. AND Quantity 2 of the 1260-116 : Adapt-a-Switch™ Plug-in, 24-Channel, Form C, SPDT Power Switch	Software/ATP changes are required along with replacement

Customers interested in pursuing a product replacement for the mature/obsolete items are encouraged to contact an Astronics Sales Representative before ordering.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. We have a team of instrumentation application engineers, and ATE integration specialists available to assist in providing state-of-the-art instrumentation solutions to meet your test needs.

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