

October 1, 2014

Dear Valued Customer,

Our records indicate that your company has purchased a Racal Instruments™ 1261B VXI Mainframe during the last 10 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™ 1261B VXI Mainframes were introduced in 2007 and only a few **selected** mainframes, their spare parts, and accessories are transitioning to mature or obsolete status as indicated below. The remainder of 1261B VXI chassis, spare parts, and accessories remain current, available for order, and fully supported.

1261B-S-2791 Chassis and Associated Options/Accessories Transitioning to Mature Status with Last-Time-Buy Program Availability:

The following 1261B VXI Chassis, Options, and Accessories are transitioning to mature status with last time buy program availability.

Part Number	Model Number	Description
408038-S-2791	1261B-S-2791	VXI Mainframe with 12 Fans
408049	1261B	Power Supply Drawer, 3.5 kW (spare)
921885-001	1261B	Hi Power Fan (spare)
921900-005	1261B	Power Supply, 24 V/12 V, 50 A (spare)
921900-006	1261B	Power Supply, 5 V/12 V/12 V (spare)
921900-007	1261B	Power Supply, 5.2 V/12 V (spare)
408040	1261B	Power and Fan Drawer, 1.2 kW (spare)
921904	1261B	Lo Power Fan (spare)

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.

1261B-S-2378 and S-2379 Mainframe Transitioning to Obsolete Status with no Last-Time-Buy Program:

The following 1261B VXI Chassis are transitioning to obsolete status effective immediately. Due to limited demand and component unavailability, we regret that we are unable to offer a last time buy program, and we are unable accept production orders for any of the items listed below.

Part Number	Model Number	Description
408038-S-2378	1261B-S-2378	3.5 kW VXI Mainframe with Front Removable Power Supply and Fans
408038-S-2379	1261B-S-2379	1.2 kW VXI Mainframe with Front Removable Power Supply and Fans

Available Service, Calibration, Repair and Support for the products above:

Full service, calibration, repair, and customer support will remain available for the above products selected for obsolete and mature status for a target of 5 years from the date of obsolescence, provided that the components required for the repair remain available to Astronics. 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.

Suggested Replacements

Unfortunately, there are no exact drop in replacements for these VXI chassis; however there are several current VXI chassis alternatives that provide sufficiently similar functionality to serve as a replacement. Customers are encouraged to consider transitioning to the potential replacements at the end of the service life for obsoleting items as listed below. For assistance with this transition, please contact your Astronics Sales Representative.

Mature or Obsolete Item	Potential Replacement(s)	Notes on Potential Replacement
408038-S-2791	408038-S-2791M9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 slot front maintainable VXI chassis • 4230 W of power • Offers all the capabilities of the S-2791 • M9 version offers 60A current capability at -2.2V
408038-S-2378	1263 HPf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 slot front maintainable VXI chassis • 3.8 kW of power • Limited to 69A current on -5.2V rail, 3A on -2V rail • Remote Access monitoring over LAN
408038-S-2379	1263 MPf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 slot front maintainable VXI chassis • 1.7 kW of power • Limited to 69A current on -5.2V rail , 3A on -2V rail • Remote Access monitoring over LAN • Chassis is 8U in Height

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.

Lester Serate

Director, Sales, Business Development & Marketing

Astronics Test Systems Inc.

4 Goodyear, Irvine CA 92618

Tel (949) 859-8999 or (800) 722-2528

Email: atssales@astronics.com URL: www.astronictestsystems.com