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Dear Valued Customer,

Our records indicate that your company may have purchased Racal Instruments™ 1260-40A/B/C VXI bus, C-Size Matrix Switch 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™ 1260-40A/B/C VXI Matrix Modules were introduced between 1989 and 1999. These items have had a mature status for a significant amount of time, and are now transitioning to obsolete status.

**1260-40A/B/C Matrix Switch Modules Mature Pending Obsolete Status with Last Time-Buy:**

<b><u>Part Number</u></b>	<b><u>Model Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
404775-001	1260-40A	2-Wire, 4x24 Matrix, 250 V, 1 A VXI C-Size
404775-002	1260-40B	2-Wire, 8x12 Matrix, 250 V, 1 A VXI, C-Size
404775-003	1260-40C	2-Wire, Dual 4x12 Matrix, 125 V, 1 A VXI, C-Size

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 obsolete items are addressed on a first come, first served basis and subject to available supplies. Order acceptance is not guaranteed until confirmed by Astronics. We regret that once obsoleted, production orders can no longer be accepted.

**Available Service, Calibration, Repair and Support for 1260-40A/B/C Matrix Switches**

Full service, calibration, repair, and customer support will remain available for the 1260-40A/B/C 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](mailto:atshelpdesk@astronics.com) or call 1-(800) 722-2528.

**Potential Replacements**

There are no drop-in replacements for the 1260-40 A/B/C products; thus for ease of product transition, all customers are encouraged to utilize the last-time buy program in order to meet 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>	
404775-001	1260-40A	407973 or 407973-01T	1260-101 or 1260-101/01T: Adapt-a-Switch™ VXI bus 2 plug-in, 1-slot, Switch Carrier with or without Option 01T installed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No a drop in replacement</li> <li>• New plugs and connectors and wiring changes are required</li> <li>• Software/ATP changes are required along with replacement</li> </ul>
404775-002	1260-40B	AND	AND	
404775-003	1260-40C	407723	1260-138A : Adapt-a-Switch™ Plug-in, eight 1x8 Muxes, 2 A (Mating Connector NOT supplied)	

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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