

October 1, 2014

Dear Valued Customer,

Our records indicate that your company has purchased a Racal Instruments™ Adapt-a-Switch™ X-Series Plug-In 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.

Racal Instruments Adapt-a-Switch™ X-Series Plug-Ins were first introduced in 2005 and select X-Series Plug-Ins are now transitioning to mature or obsolete status.

1260-X153 & 1260-X153HS Adapt-a-Switch™ X-Series Transitioning to Mature/Obsolete

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last-Time-Buy Availability</u>
408011	1260-X153	Adapt-a-Switch™ X-Series Plug-in, ten 1x4 Muxes, 1 GHz	Obsolete	NONE
408011-001	1260-X153 HS	Adapt-a-Switch™ X-Series Plug-in, ten 1x4 Muxes, 1 GHz, Extended Performance Switch, High Stability	Mature	Until 3/1/2015

The 1260-X153 was replaced with the 1260-X153HS version. Accordingly production orders will no longer be accepted for the 1260-X153.

The 1260-X153HS is being functionally replaced by the 1260-X153HSNC. Accordingly the 1260-X153HS 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.

Available Service, Calibration, Repair and Support for the 1260-X153 and 1260-X153HS

Full service, calibration, repair, and customer support will remain available for the above transitioning 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.

Suggested Replacement

A direct functional replacement is available for both the 1260-X153 and the 1260-X153HS.

Mature/Obsoleted Item		Direct Functional Replacement		Replacement Notes
Part Number	Model Number	Part Number	Model Number	
408011	1260-X153	408011-004 & 408574	1260-X153HSNC & 408574	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must also purchase the 408574 –X153 connector adapter assembly to connect to –X153 or –X153HS cabling
408011-001	1260-X153HS			

Customers using the 1260-X153 or 1260-X153HS are encouraged to transition to the 1260-X153 HSNC at an appropriate time in their module's service life. A cable adapter assembly PN 408574 must also be separately purchased in order to adapt the new and different connector on the 1260-X153HSNC to the cabling for older –X153 and –X153HS modules. For further assistance with product transition, please contact your Astronics Sales Representative.

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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