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Dear Customer,

Our records indicate that your company has purchased a Talon Instruments™ BE64 VXI digital module, its accessories and/or options during the last 15 years. During that time, we have undergone several acquisition ownership changes, thus you may have purchased these items from Talon Instruments™, Racal Instruments™ and/or EADS North America Test and Services, as well as, Astronics Test Systems.

The Talon Instruments™ BE64 digital module was introduced in 1997 and is now transitioning to mature with pending obsolete status. As we have been unable to identify a source for obsolete components, the majority of the BE64 product line is obsolete with no last time buy program. Some products and a few accessories will be classified as mature products with a limited last-time-buy program offered subject to available supplies and program expiration.

BE64 and Accessories Pending Obsolescence and Limited Last-Time-Buy opportunity:

- BE64 Motherboard
- BE64/100 Software
- Accessories: BE64/201, BE64/300, BE64/300R, BE64/300-T, BE64/301, BE64/302, BE64/PRB

Mature items listed above will phase to obsolete status without further notice when existing component supplies and inventory are depleted or March 1, 2015. All other BE64 items are Obsolete. Customers interested in the last time buy program should immediately notify their Astronics Sales Representative with their forecast requirements, and place their order at the earliest opportunity. 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. Once phased to obsolete, we regret that production orders will no longer be accepted.

Available Service, Calibration, Repair and Support for BE64:

Full service, calibration, repair, and customer support will remain available for the BE64 products for a target of at least 5 years from the date of obsolescence, provided that the components required for the repair remain available. After that 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

There is no drop-in replacement for the BE64 products; however, the Astronics Test Systems T940 VXI Digital Resource Module offers superior digital I/O test capabilities for a wide range of digital signal types. Customers are encouraged to upgrade to the T940 at an appropriate time in their BE64 service life. For more information on the T940, its functions and capabilities, as well as assistance with this transition, please contact your Astronics Sales Representative.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. We have a team of TPS development experts, instrumentation application engineers, and ATE integration specialists available to assist in providing newer instrumentation solutions to meet your test needs.

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