

To: Teradyne's L-Series Test System Customers
Date: May 1, 2011
Subject: End of Support Notice for the L-Series Family of Testers

L-Series Test System Customers,

The Teradyne L-Series Tester was first introduced in 1978 and was the leading Digital Functional Board Tester in the Military and Aerospace industries for over two decades. In 2002 the last of Teradyne's L-Series Test Systems was taken out of production, 25 years after the first L-Series system was built. Teradyne has provided support for the L-Series testers through the production life and for many of the models well beyond the industry norm of 5 years beyond end of production. However, Teradyne's ability to provide support for a design that is over three decades old has reached the point where we must begin to suspend services.

Teradyne has experienced increasing difficulties in providing repair capability for the L-Series. The primary reason is component parts obsolescence. Another contributing factor is the age of the equipment used to repair the parts for the L-Series, which are obsolete and increasingly unsupported. As a result, repair prices and lead times have increased and inventory has declined such that we may only be able to repair the part that you return, rather than provide an advanced parts replacement service. In addition, some consumable items are no longer available.

As a valued Teradyne customer we want to make you aware of the change in the support status of the L-Series in order to provide you with adequate time to plan your transition to a next generation system, such as the Spectrum-9100 Series ATE.

Existing L-Series Support contracts will continue through December, 2012 with the following caveats:

- Teradyne cannot guarantee that all parts for the L-Series test systems will be available
- Delivery time for some parts may be longer than our typical delivery times
- An increasing number of parts will move from our standard services to our ESWP service
- If parts cannot be repaired or are unavailable, then Teradyne may limit the labor supplied to repair a system
- In the event parts become unavailable Teradyne may be forced to stop supplying parts for the L-Series test systems. In this case Teradyne or the Customer may cancel the contract in accordance with the standard cancellation clause in the Terms and Conditions.
- Teradyne will attempt to replenish the on-hand supply of parts for the L-Series test systems on a reasonable commercial efforts basis Existing L-Series CSA Agreements or Special Agreements and per-transaction customers, support will continue through December, 2012 with the following caveats:
 - Effective immediately Teradyne will not offer support contracts to systems that are not already covered under an existing contract
 - Effective December 31, 2011 all service for non contract customers will be via ESWP service, a return and repair service with a typical 60 day turn-around time, where the exact part sent in will be repaired and returned to the customer
 - Per transaction repair pricing has increased and will likely continue to increase
 - Support for all service types will end 28 December 2012



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Teradyne has successfully worked with many customers to move legacy test applications to our Spectrum-9100 Series ATE, providing support for existing applications while allowing new test program development to take advantage of state of the art equipment. Our TPS Converter Studio software is a proven tool to convert L-Series TPS to a format that will run on Spectrum-9100.

Sincerely,
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