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To: All customers using Holtek encoders and decoders

Re: End of life notice

Dear customer,

LinX Technologies is announcing the end of life for all Holtek encoders and decoders with the exception of the HT-640-S and the HT-658-S. For the HT-640-S and the HT-658-S, LinX is giving notice to customers that it will have ample supply of these parts for several years because of its recent purchases for internal use. However, the manufacturer will discontinue production of the HT-658-S and we anticipate then we will be announcing the EOL of the HT-640-S in the coming months. We advise customers to judiciously implement the HT-640-S and the HT-658-S in new products and call LinX regarding part availability.

LinX will maintain some inventory of Holtek parts in addition to the HT-640-S and HT-658-S. Please call LinX to learn about pricing and availability. Also, LinX has a proprietary microcontroller solution that we believe will meet the migration needs of many customers. We will work closely with customers to ensure that migration goes smoothly. Please contact LinX if you have questions, concerns or would like more information.

End of Life Notice for Holtek Encoders and Decoders

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Type of Change

End of life

Products Affected

- HT-600-D
- HT-600-S
- HT-604L-D
- HT-614
- HT-614-S
- HT-640-S
- HT-658-S
- HT-680
- HT-680S
- HT-692
- HT-6207-S
- HT-6230

Description of Change

End of life notice for Holtek encoders and decoders

Reason for Change

End of life by component manufacturer

Effect of Change

Holtek has announced that production of their encoders and decoders will cease. We will continue to supply product to customers as stock allows. Parts may be scheduled for delivery up to six months after the last time buy date on a non-cancellable, non-refundable basis, depending on availability. The parts are not recommended for new designs.

Linx has developed a solution that will meet the migration needs of many customers and will be finalized soon. We will work closely with customers to ensure that migration goes smoothly. Please contact Linx if you have questions, concerns or would like more information.

Linx will carry a multiple year supply of the HT-640-S and the HT-658-S.

Anticipated Last Ship Date

June 2013; June 2016 or later for the HT-640-S and HT-658-S

Qualification Data

None

Last Time Buy Date

No formal last time buy date is established