

Dear Customer,

Fairchild Semiconductor wishes to advise you that we intend to discontinue the product(s) listed due to a consolidation of product naming conventions for Lead-Free products.

All standard Fairchild Semiconductor products shipped after March 1, 2006 have met the RoHS directive for Lead free lead finish; therefore it is not necessary to continue to offer product both with and without the “_NL” No-Lead indicator.

Product ordered with or without the “_NL” indicator is identical; there is no difference in manufacturing process, materials, or device marking.

- Fairchild Semiconductor changed the date code marking on individual products to facilitate identification of Lead-Free product in the 3rd quarter of 2004. Parts that used to have a number representing the date code year were changed to a letter to represent the year. Small devices, such as SOT23 or SC70 packages, had the dashes on the top line of the marking replaced with dots.
- Additionally, box and reel labeling provides a direct indication of the products Lead-free status (full Lead-free vs 2nd level interconnect Lead-free) and identifies the type of plating utilized, regardless of how the product was ordered (Standard part number or “_NL” No-Lead indicator).

Our records indicate that you have either purchased or submitted technical inquiries regarding one or more of the listed product(s). Fairchild will not accept orders for listed products **6** months from today.

Listing of discontinued products and their recommended replacement parts can be found at:
http://www.fairchildsemi.com/pcn/EOL/2007/PDN_Q4070136.pdf

Your company has **6** months to place end-of-life orders for the listed product(s). All deliveries must be scheduled for shipment within the next **12** months. To assure that your product needs are met during the end-of-life period, some date codes may be more than 6 month(s) from the ship date. We would like to caution you not to wait until the last moment to place your final order. If you anticipate a need over and above your normal run rate, whether it be placed now or near the end of the lifetime buy cycle, please provide your Fairchild sales representative with a forecast to ensure the full availability of the product. . Our intent is to work with customers to meet existing obligations. However, we may not be able to guarantee delivery of requested quantities if we do not receive your lifetime buy order by this date.

It is Fairchild Semiconductor’s policy that orders for products on lifetime buy status are non-cancelable and non-returnable.

Your final order for any product(s) on the list can be as late as **2008/05/16** with a final shipment date of **2008/11/16**.

Fairchild Semiconductor procedures for discontinuing products contain the same safeguards for sole source products as multi-source products.

We thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Fairchild Semiconductor salesperson.

Sincerely,

Fairchild Semiconductor

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