



To: Teradyne's M9-Series Digital Instrument Customer
From: Teradyne's System Test Group
Date: August 31, 2012
Subject: End of Production Notice for the M9-Series Digital Instruments

Dear M9-Series Customer:

The C-Size VXI-based M9-Series of Digital Test Instruments has been available since 1997 with the introduction of the M-917. The M9-Series has been deployed in various general-purpose functional test applications in both the Commercial and Military-Aerospace markets including many of the U. S. DoD standard ATE platforms such as the Army IFTE, Navy RTCASS, Marines TETS/Viper-T, and Air Force VDATS. Over 7,000 C-Size M9-Series Digital Test Instruments are deployed worldwide, nearly all of which are still in service. In recent years many of the components utilized in these products have become obsolete, forcing Teradyne to make significant last-time-buy purchases. As a result, the quantity of components available for new production and product repair is limited. Teradyne must place a cap on new production in order to ensure the ability to honor support commitments that extend for years into the future. In addition, in 2007 Teradyne began full production of the next generation Di-Series Digital Test Instruments which will replace the M9-Series while providing compatibility, far greater capabilities, and comparable price.

The Di-Series Digital Test Instrument family is deployed in many programs previously served by the M9-Series instruments. Examples include the Air Force Advanced Digital Test Station for the B-1B, the Navy's Trident test station, test systems supporting the F-16, F-22, and numerous missile programs. In addition, the Di-Series will be used in the Navy's recently awarded eCASS program. In addition to full M9-Series compatibility, the Di-Series provides extensive new functionality that can improve existing TPSs and support the newest technology.

The products affected by this notice include the following: M-917, M-918, M-921, M-925, M-927, and M-967. Teradyne will continue to provide the M9-Series instruments to customers with an existing production contract, or a contract with existing options, for the term of the contract.

In order to minimize the impact to existing M9-Series users, Teradyne is offering a last time buy opportunity through December 28, 2012. To further minimize the impact of this change, deliveries of new M9-Series instruments can be scheduled as late as September 27, 2013, the date which represents end of production. For users with an existing production contract or option Teradyne will continue to supply the M9 through the completion of the contract. All new users or programs should purchase Di-Series Digital Instruments to support their applications.

After September 27, 2013, Teradyne will continue to supply service, spare parts, telephone support, and on-site support for at least five years for the installed base of M9-Series customers. Application support agreements and hardware support contracts will continue to be available during this five-year support period. Beyond this timeframe, Teradyne will make commercially reasonable efforts to support the products.

For further information please contact your local Teradyne Sales Engineer.