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# Important Information regarding End-of-Life (EOL) Notifications and Pricing Updates for 2016

SANTA CLARA, CA – December 18, 2015: Integral Solutions International, ISI, the world's leading manufacturer of Quasi-Static testers for the data storage industry, announced today important Information regarding End-of-Life (EOL) Notifications and Pricing Updates for 2016.

### **EOL Notification, Yearend 2016: BlazerX5 Bar Testers**

Be informed that all second-gen BlazerX5 Bar Testers will reach EOL as of yearend 2016. After EOL ISI will only offer very limited service, spareparts, and software support for these units. These second-gen BlazerX5 units are identifiable by their 5-digit #50xxx SN format (all BlazerX6 models have #60xxx SN format). Upgrading BlazerX5 Bar Testers to the BlazerX6-PLUS version while this Upgrade is still available is highly recommended.

### EOL Notification, Yearend 2016: Non-PLUS QST2002 Tabletop and Non-PLUS QST2002E Rackmount QST Testers

Be informed that all non-PLUS versions of the QST2002 and QST2002E systems will reach EOL as of yearend 2016. This EOL applies to all non-PLUS versions of QST2002 QST Tabletop Testers primarily used for HGA/HSA/HDA Testing, to all non-PLUS QST2002E Rackmount QST Testers originally installed into all BlazerX5L Lifecycle and BlazerX5 Bar Testers, and to all non-PLUS QST2002E Rackmount QST Testers originally installed into early (non-PLUS) versions of BlazerX6 Bar, BlazerX5 Slider, QST2002HF, QST2002RT, and WLA-3000 Wafer Testers. After EOL ISI will offer very limited service, spare parts, and software support for these non-PLUS QST2002 and QST2002E QST units are identifiable by their #25xxx and #35xxx SN formats respectively (PLUS versions have #27xxx and #37xxx formats, respectively). Upgrading non-PLUS QST2002/QST2002E Testers to PLUS versions while this Upgrade is still available is highly recommended.

# <u>Upgrades of BlazerX5 and of non-PLUS QST2002/QST2002E Units to be available through Yearend 2016</u>

To coincide with these EOL notifications ISI will extend the availability of the following Upgrades through yearend 2016:

- Upgrade of BlazerX5 Bar Tester units to the current BlazerX6-PLUS version.
- Upgrade of non-PLUS versions of the QST2002 Tabletop and QST2002E Rackmount QST Testers to the current PLUS versions.

Upgrade of these units prior to EOL is highly recommended. Contact ISI for the 2016 pricing of these Upgrades, and note that these Upgrades must be completed prior to yearend 2016 to be eligible for this 2016 pricing. These Upgrades include an Initial V7 Software License with 1 year of free Maintenance at no additional charge.

## **EOL Reminder: Termination of WinXP support at Yearend 2015**

Be reminded that V7 Software compatibility with WinXP will be terminated as of yearend 2015. Starting January 2016 all new releases of V7 Software will operate only under Win7 or Win10 OS (Win7-64bit is the recommended configuration, contact ISI for details regarding Win10 compatibility).

## Important Information regarding Revised Pricing for all QST Products and for all Initial V7 Software Licenses

Starting January 2016 ISI will be updating prices for all QST2002-PLUS, BlazerX6, WLA-3000, and all other test equipment products, including upgrades, spare parts, and repair items. Also, for QST testers not already upgraded to V7 Software, which includes testers that continue to run EOL V5/V6 software, testers where the V7 Software Maintenance period has expired, and testers where the V7 Lock Code has been invalidated, the Initial V7 Software License fee will be increased to \$4000 per system starting January 2016. However, note the annual V7 Maintenance renewal fee will not be changed, only the Initial V7 License fee will change, so this new pricing will only affect those testers that do not already have valid and currently-maintained V7 Licenses. As a courtesy ISI will honor the 2015 prices for any orders placed through January 31, 2016.

About ISI

Integral Solutions International (ISI) is a privately held California based US Corporation, established in September 1995. ISI provides worldwide customer support from the United States, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, China, and Hong-Kong.