



Dear Customer,

Aeroflex UTMC (Aeroflex) appreciates the customer's interest and use of our products, specifically the RadHard Family of PROMs. The purpose of this letter is to provide the customer with an update on the migration of the 256K RadHard PROM, both 3 and 5 volt versions (Standard Microcircuit Drawings 5962-96891 and 5962-01517), to a new wafer fabrication facility. The Revision B production material will be available in the 3rd Quarter of 2003.

With the change in wafer foundry, Aeroflex is also modifying the 256K PROM programming software and hardware. For the new PROM, one of the following BP MICROSYSTEMS programmer models are required (1400, 1600, 1700, 2200, 2600, and 2700). Aeroflex chose BP primarily due to the company's quick turn programming algorithm development capability. A first pass programming algorithm is in use by Aeroflex supporting the evaluation of first silicon received January 2003. The Data I/O programmer will not program the new 256K PROM.

Aeroflex has sufficient die inventory from the old wafer stock to yield approximately 500 finished good units. Inventory of the remaining 256K PROM is being offered to customers on a "first come, first serve" basis. All purchase orders that can be filled by old inventory will require delivery within 4 weeks of receipt and acceptance of purchase order. Additionally, Aeroflex will decline all requests for single lot date code shipments until the foundry migration is complete. Aeroflex plans to cease shipping product built from the old mask set once qualification of the migrated version is complete. We expect to use the same SMD number (5962-96891 and 5962-01517) with new device types.

The previous notification letter you received stated that we would not be offering a DIP package for the new PROM. If there is sufficient demand to warrant the development of a DIP package, this option may be re-considered. If you have any questions please contact me at (719) 594-8252 or jordan@aeroflex.com.

Regards,

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