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## RE: Product Changes for Early Di-Tronic I – IV Electronics Modules

Dear Valued Customer,

Dresser-Rand Control Systems (D-RCS) has been designing and manufacturing reliable control systems for the rotating equipment industry since 1959. In that time D-RCS have taken great satisfaction in supplying the industry with state-of-the-art control solutions based on electronic platforms that remain robust and serviceable through decades of critical service.

It is important to understand that given the rate of technological advances today, manufacturers of fundamental electronic components are continually setting shorter lifecycles for their products, which present D-RCS with increasing challenges in procuring those components for the manufacture of these control solutions. Due to current constraints in sourcing parts such as these, this letter is being written to notify customers that certain D-RCS electronic modules will be entering an obsolescence plan. These include 572-222-xxx, 573-935-xxx and 574-331-xxx series parts. The attached images depict the location of the part numbers for the individual modules.

These parts serve varied needs, but primarily as integrated speed and vibration VME modules that formed part of the early GE Fanuc 90-70 offering. Having exhausted all sources to secure these needed components, D-RCS has acquired a limited inventory of components to support our customers as long as possible. To this end, the following actions have been taken to aid customers in transition from the older VME solution to present solutions based on the latest PLC and data acquisition technology.

1. D-RCS will no longer supply VME electronics to new installations in order to preserve stock for customers holding existing product as listed above.
2. A limited time, last buy of spare or replacement modules will be available to existing customers who already own the affected modules. This opportunity will be available through **June 30, 2010**. Thereafter, D-RCS can only support repair requests.
3. D-RCS ability to fill orders will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on remaining inventory at the time of customer orders.
4. Customers that purchased VME after Jan 2005 will be given highest priority to resolve the spare and replacement needs with the exact VME form and function.
5. Where D-RCS is unable to fill an order on the VME technology, there are a number of proven solutions of equal or better functionality to offer.
6. D-RCS estimates that sufficient inventory is available to continue service and repair of existing modules through **June 2012**. Thereafter, D-RCS will cease to support the VME line and will only provide functionality based on its most current product line.

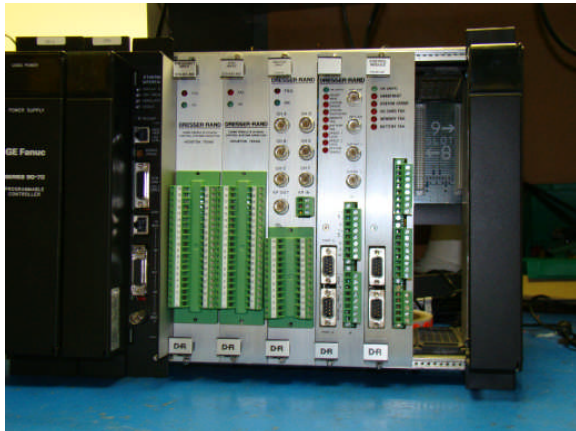
Within the past decade, several developments have introduced a new generation of control that is no longer dependent on the OEM as a source of components. Depending on client preferences these can be provided as GE, Allen Bradley or Triconex PLC controllers, or a number of other proprietary PLC systems. This solution offers customers all the benefits of D-RCS design, engineering expertise and experience, along with extended life cycles.

If, as a valued D-RCS client, you are experiencing any problems with your Di-Tronics I – IV, or you are directly affected by this bulletin, then please contact your sales representative so that Dresser-Rand Control Systems can promptly address your requirements.

Kindest Regards,



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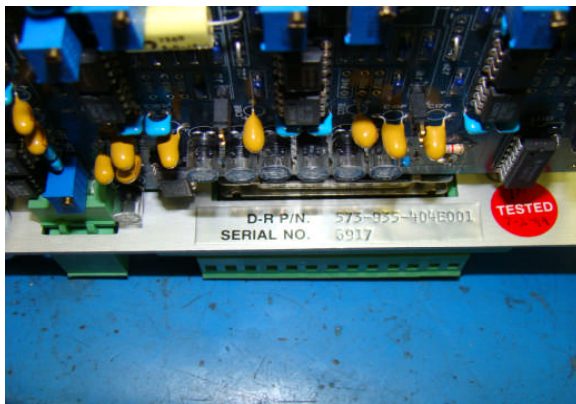


Model Number locations for Dresser-Rand Di-tronics IV VME Modules may be found on modules installed with the GE Fanuc 90/70 PLC as shown at left.

The VME Modules have base part numbers 573-935-xxx & 574-331-xxx and install in the 9070.



The module base part number can be found on the top card ejector plate as shown at left.



The complete part number is also located on the inside of the module faceplate as shown at left.