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SIMATIC S7-200 Product Maturity

Current S7-200 Status

Beginning November 2013, the S7-200 product family will enter into the Phase Out stage of its product life cycle. When the S7-200 is phased out, it will remain available for a period of approximately 1 year for new purchases and as a replacement part for the subsequent 9 years, in accordance with Siemens' standard 10 year product lifecycle management system. Also, during this period, the S7-200 products will be subject to a yearly 10% price increase.

See the **Siemens Product Lifecycle Management Description** below.

Migration to S7-1200 from SIMATIC S7- 200 Products

The S7-1200 platform was introduced in June 2009. Siemens developed the S7-1200 controller and the TIA Portal engineering framework with an emphasis on seamless integration and coordination of controller, HMI, and software. The S7-1200 platform is ideal for automation tasks from simple data acquisition to complex automation applications incorporating motion and PID control. SIMATIC STEP 7 Basic, with integrated WinCC Basic for visualization tasks, offers a single programming software and user program for configuring multiple S7-1200s and multiple SIMATIC HMI Basic Panels. To facilitate upgrades from the S7-200 to the S7-1200 platform, Siemens has developed a software migration wizard and published micro-automation task examples available for your reference.

Please contact your ACD salesperson for more information on the S7-1200 series controller.

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Siemens Product Lifecycle Management Description

Siemens follows a well-documented product life-cycle management strategy. This strategy is based on three major phases in a product's life:

Active

An "Active" product is listed in Siemens' standard product catalog (CA01), and is actively marketed, supported, and innovated.

Phased-Out (alternatively "Mature")

A product is moved to "Phased-Out" status when triggered by a combination of several factors:

- Lack of market demand
- Replacement by next generation product
- Technological obsolescence

The market is notified when a product's status is changed to "Phased-Out". At this time, the product is removed from the Siemens standard product catalog (CA01) but is still available for regular purchase for a period of one year. There are differences in the length of time each product family's "Phased-Out" period lasts but 10 years is typical. Repair service is available through the duration of the "Phased-Out" period. Additionally, spare parts are available throughout the duration of the "Phased-Out" period, or as long as supplies last, whichever is sooner.

Discontinued

After "Phased-Out" a product is moved to the "Discontinued" phase. At this point, production is stopped. However, fee-based support is still available via the Siemens Technical Support Center.

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