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Important Notice to our Customers

Subject: End of Life

Unfortunately, it has become necessary for Vicor to discontinue production of certain DC-DC converter families by the end of 2005. The affected products are:

- All Vicor Model Numbers beginning with V24, V48, V300 or V375 that have an “A” in the last four characters. For example: V24A15C400AL2, V375C5C100AL2T
- All Vicor Model Numbers beginning with VI-7, VI-8 or VI-9 that do not have a “B” as the last character. For example: VI-710211, VI-810102, VI-911234.

The majority of these model families have been upgraded to a new platform known as “FasTrak”. The FasTrak platform has several advantages over the older platform:

- Vicor is committed to comply with the European Directive on the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS). It is simply not possible to make the older platform meet these requirements.
- FasTrak models utilize significantly improved manufacturing processes — increasing yields, improving field reliability, and reducing costs. As a direct result, the list price of FasTrak products is 10% lower than the equivalent older platform product.
- Our suppliers have obsoleted several key components used in the older platform. This alone would require a product redesign and, without the upgrade to the FasTrak platform, probable loss of backwards compatibility.

If you are using any models in those families that are to be discontinued, there are three options available:

1. If you are using a model beginning with V24, V48, V300 or V375 (a “Predefined” model), backwards-compatible FasTrak versions are now available. However, there is a part number change: the “A” at the end of the part number has been changed to a “B” (e.g. V24A5C400AL is replaced by the V24A5C400BL). Please contact your local Vicor representative if you require samples of the “B” versions for evaluation in your system.

2. If you are using a model beginning with VI-7, VI-8 or VI-9 (a “User Defined” model) you should contact your Vicor representative about conversion to the FasTrak platform. Please note that Vicor may not be able to convert all designs, especially older, low volume models. User Defined models converted to FasTrak will have a “B” suffix added to the part number (e.g. VI-710211 would become the VI-710211**B**)
3. If conversion to FasTrak is not possible, or if you are unable to change part numbers, there is an option for a last time buy. Last time buy orders have to be placed by June 30, 2005, with delivery scheduled no later than December 31, 2005.

We realize that product obsolescence and model number changes are difficult issues to deal with. We will assist you in any way we can. However, we believe that the reduced costs and enhanced reliability of the FasTrak platform will make this a positive change for all. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact us. Additional information is available at www.vicorpower.com.

We appreciate your past business and look forward to working with you on your future power system needs.

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