



ARE DATE CODE RESTRICTIONS STILL RELEVANT?

Rochester Electronics recognises that semiconductor date codes, introduced in the 1960s, were initially vital for ensuring traceability based on manufacturing dates, processes, and materials, with an expected “sell-by” date of 2 to 3 years. However, as technology and storage methods have evolved, date codes have become less reliable as indicators of component quality, often leading to the unnecessary rejection of perfectly viable parts. Years of extensive research and testing by industry leaders, including Rochester, have demonstrated that with proper long-term storage, components remain reliable and high-quality well beyond their original date codes.

We want to hear your thoughts! Are date code restrictions still relevant? What do you consider a safe shelf life for semiconductors? Your feedback is invaluable to us. Please take a moment to complete our market research survey and share your perspective. Your insights will help shape the future of semiconductor obsolescence management.

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