

Product Change Notice Ballard AB2-AID (Production to End-of-Life)

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Change Description

Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems (AES) no longer holds Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) for the AB2-AID items listed in the table below. These items were previously produced under PMA by Ballard Technology, Inc. prior to the merger of Ballard Technology with Astronics AES.

These items are available for a limited time (without FAA 8130-3 or EASA Form 1 airworthiness approval) under either the current part/order numbers or the suggested alternate part numbers (Commercial-Off-the-Shelf (COTS) models) as listed in the table below.

Both the original part numbers and the suggested alternate part numbers will be moving to the End-of-Life lifecycle. The End-of-Life lifecycle means that the product will not be part of Astronics AES' future manufacturing plans.

This PCN is specific to the parts listed in the table below. Please see the separate AB2000 Series product change notice for information on the lifecycle stage of the COTS models.

Lifecycle Stages	
PRODUCTION	Product is in full production and available for sale
LEGACY	Product is in active production. Not recommended for new designs.
END-OF-LIFE	Product is no longer in active production, availability is limited
OBSOLETE	Product is no longer available and no longer manufactured

Products Affected

Part Family	Description	Part/Order Numbers	Suggested Alternates*
AB2-AID	Avionics BusBox AB2-AID Aircraft Interface Device	50-11026-01	AB2186
	Avionics BusBox AB2-AID Horizontal Mounting Kit	50-11026-02	17023
	Avionics BusBox AB2-AID Vertical Mounting Kit	50-11026-03	17024
	AB2-AID 4-Channel ARINC 429 Databus Isolator/Repeater	50-11026-04	AB2141
	AB2-AID with 429 (16R/8T), 717, 8 GB, and Ethernet Switch	50-11026-05	AB2430/CF8G/PMC05

*The suggested alternates are COTS versions of PMA items.

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Last Time Buy Information

Astronics AES anticipates a Last Time Buy (LTB) and Last Time Ship (LTS) for these products as indicated below. LTB will be limited to stock availability and may be ended or extended based on orders received.

LTB Date: November 30, 2023

LTS Date: September 27, 2024

More Information

To obtain more information about this product change, or to obtain technical assistance regarding replacement products, please contact the Astronics AES Ballard product group:

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