



To: Pericom Customers
Subject: Date Code Expiration Policy

This policy, properly signed and supplied, will be effective on Pericom products shipped by Pericom Semiconductor Corp. and all its approved sub-contractors and authorized distributors.

Based on past customer requests, Pericom has set a standard expiration time for date codes marked on our products at 2 years. Historically, after 2 years from the assembly encapsulation's year and week shown on the package, Pericom retests to certify the material is still acceptable to current datasheet electrical parameter and functional requirements, as well as visual/mechanical verification. Our own retest results over many years and thousands of lots show no degradation of electrical or mechanical performance. The 2 year timeframe and ones with lesser expiration dates (18 months or less) may be a somewhat arbitrary number when selected by some customers. Pericom standard procedure also dictates that if any datasheet or test program is revised to tighten any limit during this period, any product still in inventory will be retested to insure it meets the latest requirements.

Solderability of current products with date codes in excess of two years also indicates no reduction in the ability of the leads to properly solder to boards using industry standard solder pastes and solder reflow temperatures.

If product you receive indicates a date code that exceeds your required time limit, Pericom warrants that it will still meet all current electrical and mechanical performance requirements.

If there are any questions concerning Pericom date codes, please contact me at your convenience.

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