CHANGE of PRODUCT STATUS

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PM6681  Timer-Counter
PM6681R Timer-Counter with Rubidium timebase

Limited Availability

As the result of an End-of-Life for the ASIC that is at the heart of these timer-counters, the high-resolution
timer-counter series PM6681 is now approaching a status ‘No Longer Available’.

Right now, a very restricted number of chips is still available for new orders. Therefore, we bring this
product to a status ‘Limited Availability’ now. This applies to all optional- and country-configurations.

Orders will be dealt with strictly on the basis ‘first come – first served’.

The quantity of parts still available, compared to the average order inflow, suggests that actual ‘End of Life’
could still be a few months away, but the exact moment when availability will cease is fully depending on the
actual order inflow.

If you have any order potentials underway, please check with the European supply team before
acknowledging such order to your end customer.

Replacement

In many applications, a suitable alternative for the PM6681 may be found in the PM6690-series of timer-
counters. However, the measurement capabilities and the specifications of these platforms do differ slightly!
Please verify with the end user before converting orders.

High frequency input options and timebase options are exactly the same for the PM6690 as for the PM6681.
Please refer to the web and to the current pricelists for models and optional configurations of the PM6690-
series.

An alternative for the PM6681R may be found in the PM6690 with an external Rubidium standard, like the
Fluke 909 or 910R, or a GPS-referenced standard like the 910 or 910R.

Timeline

Orders which have already been acknowledged by the European Supply Team will be handled accordingly.
New orders will be dealt with on the basis ‘first come – first served’ for as long as the stock of components
lasts.

Please check with the order desk crew before acknowledging any new orders for PM6681 and PM6681R.