

Technical Note TN007 - Instant Access to Life Cycle and Obsolete Product Data Online for TT Electronics Fixed and Variable Resistors

Introduction

TT Electronics is committed to supporting our customers in managing obsolescence throughout the lifetime of our products, and beyond. To this end, life cycle data is given on all parts, and basic data and datasheets for obsolete parts are retained online indefinitely. This information may be accessed from the information page for individual product types, which is reached by one of two methods:

1. Entering partial part numbers or keywords in the search box top right on all pages at https://www.ttelectronics.com.

This search method will include any relevant obsolete products in the results.



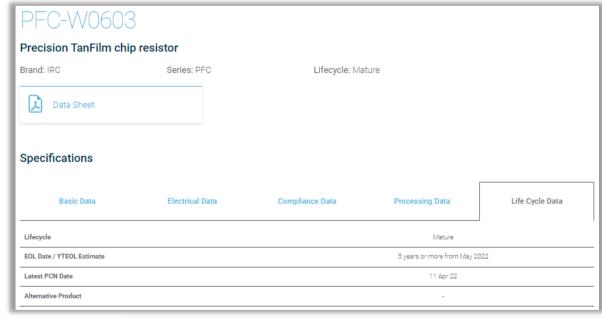
Entering parameters and selecting filter settings on the relevant product search page found under Products &
 Solutions or at https://www.ttelectronics.com/products/passive-components/. However, since it is primarily aimed at designers, this method will exclude obsolete products from the results.

Information Page for a Product Type

The information page includes a Life Cycle Data tab which details the following information for the selected product type:

- Lifecycle status (growth, mature, decline, not recommended for new designs (NRND) or obsolete).
- **EOL date / YTEOL Estimate** giving EOL date if obsolete, otherwise estimated life reviewed at least annually and with a maximum time horizon of 5 years. The date of the latest review is shown. Alternatively, a statement on EOL plans.
- Latest PCN Date if any have been issued.
- Alternative Product or closest equivalent if any, but datasheets should be checked before use as a replacement.

The **Resources & Technical Documents** section may be filtered to **Product Change Notification** if a PCN list document exists. If multiple PCNs apply they are combined in chronological order within this PCN list.





NRND and Obsolete Products

NRND and obsolete products are clearly identified as such in the product description and on the datasheet. Obsolete products can only be found by entering partial part numbers in Product Search, and not by the parametric search aimed at designers. In **Life Cycle Data**, the EOL Date shows the actual month and year of obsolescence. The latest PCN date is listed, and the compilation of PCNs may be accessed under **Resources & Technical Documents**. If close alternative parts are available, a link to a suitable product type is shown. This may not be a drop-in replacement, so a datasheet comparison is recommended.

