TSW Thumbwheel Switch Assemblies



### Introduction

Two decades ago, as growth in binary coded decimal (BCD) device communication was accelerating, Red Lion introduced TSW thumbwheel switch assemblies, technology on the leading edge of the BCD trend. They remained a staple product for a number of years. However, as newer technologies have emerged, it has become time to discontinue the TSW product line.

This document outlines the discontinuation of TSW0A400, TSW0A600, TSW1A400 and TSW1A600 thumbwheel switch assemblies.

# **Timing**

Red Lion Controls intends to honor the standard warranty obligation for this product when ordered and delivered in accordance with the following transition schedule:



#### March 2017

- Announcement to customers
- Red Lion begins accepting non-cancellable, non-returnable last time buy orders
- Orders may be scheduled for delivery between March 2017 and December 31, 2017

## September 30, 2017

- General availability of TSWs ceases
- Acceptance of last time buy orders concludes

#### December 31, 2017

• Shipment of TSW product stops

<sup>\*</sup>Dates may be subject to change depending on product sales

# Why is this transition taking place?

While very popular when first introduced, demand for BCD communication has dramatically decreased in recent years. Today, many forms of communication have taken the place of BCD, with new and emerging technologies being introduced regularly.

## What happens to my current investment in TSW thumbwheel switch assemblies?

Maintaining excellent compatibility for easy and cost-effective transition is an important design criterion when designing next generation products. In the case of BCD however, new technologies are available which, while not direct replacements for BCD, offer faster and more efficient communication.

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