



Date Code Policy

All Analog Devices products are produced to the highest quality and reliability standards, and ADI fully guarantees the quality and reliability of all parts it sells.

Date Code Selectivity

Analog Devices' policy is to ship product with date codes up to five years. Technological advances in plating and storage have solved solder-ability issues and made date code requests for newer material obsolete. Requests for newer date codes add cost to the supply chain, with no benefit for this additional cost. ADI's decision to ship up to five year old date codes does not mean older product is in any way substandard, it is simply a reasonable cut-off point.

For anything more restrictive than material not older than five years, a separate customer specific part number may be set up and priced accordingly. Analog Devices product lines will review those requests and determine the price premium associated with this special set-up.

Combining Dates Codes or Manufacturing Lots

Given the inherent batching in the semiconductor manufacturing process, the final shipping medium (tube, tray, or reel) may contain devices with multiple seal date codes. In all cases, full traceability is maintained at the individual lot level. Analog Devices' policy for combining date codes is as follows:

- Reels - Maximum of 3 unique date codes per reel.
- Tubes - Maximum of 2 unique date codes per tube.
- Trays - Maximum of 3 unique date codes per tray stack.

Additionally, products are shipped from Analog Devices distribution centers on a first-in-first-out basis. As a result, individual shipments may contain parts from multiple manufacturing lots.

Analog Devices cannot honor requests for shipments to consist of a single manufacturing lot or a single date code on any open market product.

If a single lot per shipment or single date code per reel or shipment is a requirement, a separate customer specific part number may be set up and priced accordingly. Analog Devices product lines can review those requests and determine the price premium associated with this special set-up.

Any exceptions to this policy must be explicitly approved by Analog Devices.

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