

Product Life Cycle Support Notice 2017

CEAST Melt Flow Testers 6900 Series in Phase 4 – Discontinued Product

This notice is to inform you that the following CEAST Melt Flow systems with model Nos: **6939** | **6941** | **6942** | **6943** | **6944** | **6946** | **6952** are now in Life Cycle Phase 4. Instron is dedicated to meeting customer needs. Keeping you informed is our duty as a responsible supplier.



The Product Life Cycle Policy is intended to help you plan for the ultimate evolution of your Instron testing system. Notices, such as this one, are issued at Life Cycle milestones to inform you of pending changes and to provide recommendations on how to move forward. Please disregard this letter if you have already upgraded or no longer own this equipment.

Phase 4 – Discontinued Product is the final phase in the Product Life Cycle. This formal designation means that products are no longer in production and no service support is available, except by custom arrangement with Instron Professional Services. No engineering or manufacturing support is available. For hardware, no replacement parts will be available. For software, no upgrades and/or updates are available. For safety and data integrity issues, customers will be notified.

Series Systems Status:

Model 6900 Systems were first manufactured over 20 years ago. Although many of these frames are in operation today, ongoing support and maintenance has become increasingly difficult. Instron will continue to provide calibration services for them. Replacement of these frames is recommended.

The Longer You Delay a Decision, the Higher Your Laboratory is at Risk For:

- Extended periods of downtime
- Missed business opportunities
- Higher repair or replacement costs

Take Action Now to Protect Your Laboratory:

- Improve efficiency with the latest industry solutions capabilities
- Increase operator productivity with user-friendly software
- Protect your competitive advantage for the long term

Why Migrate to Newer Technology?

Upgrade and Replacement Recommendations



Migrating to a New Testing System

As new technologies become available, you have the opportunity to improve your testing instrument to keep pace with continually increasing testing and industry demands. Discontinued systems cannot provide the same level of reliability, data access, diagnostic, and control capabilities that are available from newer Instron product offerings. In light of the support status that is now in effect for 6900 Series Melt Flow models, users are encouraged to evaluate the risk of maintaining their current systems against the benefits of migrating to newer technology.

Why Migrate to Newer Technology?

- Improved accuracy and resolution
- Compliance to current ASTM and ISO standards
- Conforms to latest industry safety standards
- Advanced features to automate test procedure
- CEASTView Software suite to quickly setup tests and analyze test data

What are Your Options?

The Instron MF20 and MF30 Melt Flow Testing systems with CEASTView software are direct replacements of the legacy melt flow systems with automatic test features and data analysis.

Visit us at go.instron.com/legacyamericas or contact us at 781.575.5006 for a detailed cost analysis on the benefits of upgrading.