

November 28, 2005

SUBJECT: GS3 Product Support

This notification is being generated for the information and benefit of all users of the Woodward GS3 Gas Metering Valve. Due to low sales volume for this valve and increasing production costs, Woodward will stop new production of the GS3 Gas Metering Valve product line on December 31, 2006.

The GS3 Gas Metering Valve is used on gas turbines in the 200kW to 5 MW range. The GS3 comes in four port sizes, with flow ranging from 10 to 5,000 lb/hr. The GS3 is recommended to be replaced with a GS6 in gaseous fuel applications. The GS6 Gas Metering Valve comes in five port sizes, with flow ranging from 10 to 15,000 lb/hr.

Recognizing that customers use this gas fuel control equipment in critical applications with extended lifetimes, Woodward has implemented post-life support plans to support our customers for the life of the equipment. Woodward will follow its standard rationalization plan, as we have for other products. The following product support plan will be adhered to beginning at the date of this letter:

January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007:

- Complete Valves for Spares
- Valve Repairs

June 30, 2007 – Dec 31, 2008:

- Valve Repairs
- Product Exchange with Service Stock

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2013:

- Valve Repairs based on parts availability
- Product Exchange with available Service Stock
- Replacement product utilizing same functionality and control interfaces where applicable

Parts obsolescence from manufacturers can present a challenge to post-life support plans. Woodward strives to hold inventory, or look for alternative parts when components become obsolete. However, there are times when components may not be available and where sufficient last-time buys cannot be made. In these cases, Woodward cannot always guarantee support of the rationalization support plan. Please contact a Woodward Representative for more details.

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