



## **Product Life Cycle / End of Life**

Microchip Technology Inc. understands that our customers often require long product life cycles. Microchip values our customers' needs and so when reasonably possible we try to keep older products in production for many years, even when newer and more cost-effective products become available. There are times, however, when product obsolescence (End of Life or EOL) can not be avoided.

In the event Microchip determines to make a product obsolete or End of Life (EOL), Microchip will provide notification of affected products that have had business activity within the last 3 years. The notification will be posted at Microchip's online change notification system and delivered via email to customers who register at [www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com). Microchip will provide a list of affected products and may identify replacement or alternative products in the EOL notifications when applicable.

In addition to this notification process, Microchip is typically able to provide our customers a last time buy opportunity for the affected products. For product manufactured by Microchip, the typical time period for customers to place final orders is six months from the date of customer EOL notification. Microchip will allow an additional six months for final orders to be delivered, which provides a 12 month window from EOL notification until final delivery of product. Whether we are able to provide a last time buy opportunity, and the specific details of each, depends upon each specific EOL situation.

Microchip prides itself on its history of long product life cycles. So when it becomes necessary to cease production of a product, we understand the potential impact to our customers. That is why Microchip provides customer notification of EOL, assistance identifying alternative products, and last time buy opportunities. To ensure you receive product notices please register at [www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com).