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To: All EEVBLOGGERS:
From: Aaron Caplan, PACE Worldwide
RE: Finally, an update from PACE on the status of the ADS200!

First of all, I'd like to thank you all for your patience and support, as we certainly were premature in our production predictions. I am so sorry for the delay and lack of update information, but it looks like we're finally ready to reggae!

PACE Worldwide is happy to report that we are back in production on the ADS200 Soldering Systems and AccuDrive Tip-Heater Cartridges! Out of an abundance of caution, we had suspended production 2 months ago as a small percentage of our AccuDrive Tip-Heater Cartridges did not meet our exacting standards for quality. This issue has now been resolved and does not affect any current ADS200 Systems already in the field.

Here is some specific information for you:

Website Update:

The paceworldwide.com website has been updated to include several versions of the ADS200 System and tips including the following:

ADS200 with TD-200 and Standard Tool Stand: <https://www.paceworldwide.com/products/soldering-stations/digital-control-soldering-systems/ads200-accudrive-production-soldering-station-with-td200>

ADS200 with TD-200 and Instant SetBack (ISB) Tool Stand: <https://www.paceworldwide.com/products/soldering-stations/digital-control-soldering-systems/ads200-accudrive-station-with-td200-instant-setback-cubby>

TD-200 Standard Blue Series Tip-Heater Cartridges: <https://www.paceworldwide.com/products/tips-and-nozzles/soldering-iron-tips/td200-standard-blue-series-tips>

TD-200 Ultra-Performance Blue Series Tip-Heater Cartridges: <https://www.paceworldwide.com/products/tips-and-nozzles/soldering-iron-tips/td200-ultra-performance-blue-series-tips>

ADS200 Brochure: https://www.paceworldwide.com/sites/default/files/ADS200_6pg_Brochure_FINAL.pdf

ADS200 Operations Manual: https://www.paceworldwide.com/sites/default/files/ADS200_Operation_Manual%20_%2013-Apr-2018.pdf

PACE Authorized Distributor Listing: <https://www.paceworldwide.com/where-to-buy/rep-and-distributors>

I have attached ADS200 Station, Tip & Accessories current list pricing in various currencies (US\$, € and £) in Excel xlsx format. Note that you can view current list prices for all items if you register on the paceworldwide.com website and then Login. You must first get to a product page, then click on the blue button on the right side that says "Login/Register Here." After pushing that button, you will come to a page that allows you to "Create Account." Fill out the form. You will need to verify your email address before registration is complete. After email verification, you can Login and you will be able to view list prices on all product pages.

Replacement of ADS200 AccuDrive Blue Series Tip Cartridges

As I related, only a small percentage of our AccuDrive Tip Cartridges were affected by our manufacturing difficulties. However, if you feel that some of your tips are not performing up to par, please email a request for replacement to me at acaplan@paceworldwide.com with part numbers and a good mailing address and I will have them sent out to you. We are still building up stock on Tip Cartridges, so some part numbers may take longer than others to replace.

Firmware/Software Update Requests

The very first ADS200 units shipped contained the original version of the software, "1-1" (a few were also shipped with "1-0"), which appears on the display when the unit is powered up. All future shipments of ADS200 soldering stations will have an updated version of the software "1-2". Note that the thermal performance and temperature accuracy of the ADS200's AccuDrive® control system is second to none. To enhance thermal performance even further, PACE has upgraded the AccuDrive control software to provide even more thermal responsiveness, particularly when operating at lower temperatures in continuous-use production soldering environments. If you desire the new version "1-2" of the software, we will send you a "Software Update Kit" with new PLCC chip, a PLCC Chip Puller Tool, plus Instruction Sheet to complete the task. Changing the chip in your ADS200 is a straightforward process, involving removing the four front panel screws, replacing the PLCC Chip (using the correct orientation and ESD-safety precautions), then replacing the front panel.

NOTE: You should request all Firmware/Software updates directly from Tony Jones, PACE Customer Service Technician, at tjones@paceworldwide.com, along with a good mailing address. Tony is located at our main factory in North Carolina and will start shipping Firmware Kits after June 26th.

Again, we thank you for your patience in this matter. For over 60 years, Pace has earned your trust by providing quality, cost-effective systems and solutions for soldering, rework and repair of electronics. We will not let you down.

Best,



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