

**To our customers**

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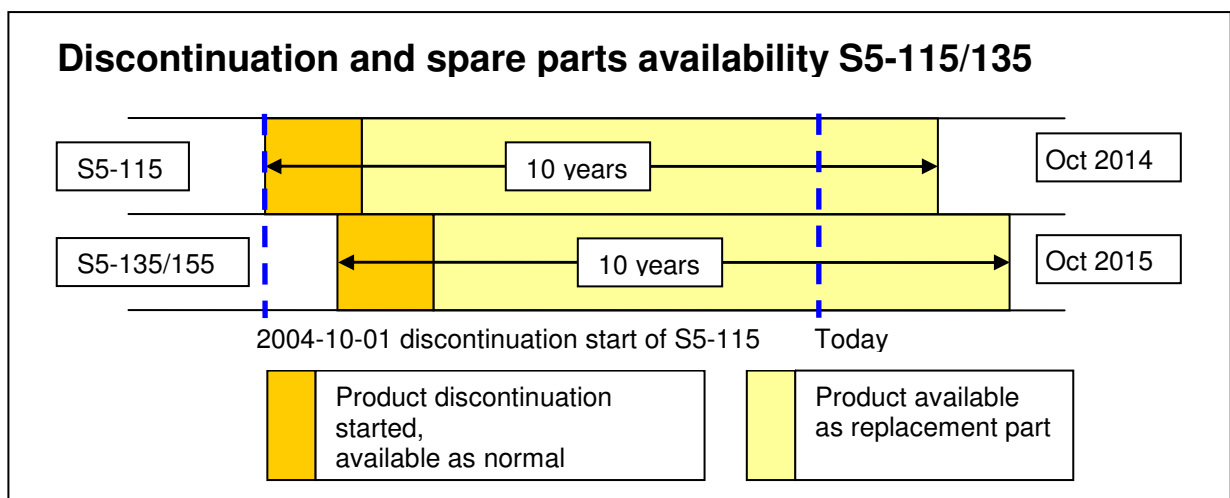
**Discontinuation of the SIMATIC S5-115/135 PLC**

To whom it may concern

We would like to take this opportunity to notify you of the discontinuation of the Siemens SIMATIC S5 PLC which you purchased together with a Schlatter mesh welding system.



After 30 years of successfully producing PLCs, Siemens decided to discontinue the complete SIMATIC S5 product line and started to withdraw the products from its range in October 2003. Since then, the components have only been available as spare parts. Spare parts will only continue to be available up to ten years after the discontinuation by Siemens. The product has been superseded by the modern Siemens SIMATIC S7



**Successor product: SIMATIC S7**

We are able to offer the SIMATIC-S7 PLC as a successor to the discontinued SIMATIC-S5. It is essentially possible to transfer the S5 software to the S7 using a conversion tool.

**Compatibility**

In terms of hardware, the SIMATIC S7 successor product is compatible with its predecessor the S5 thanks to a special connector which removes the need for a field bus or to replace the peripherals. However, the S5 software must be reviewed and processed in house by Schlatter. It is possible to transfer customer-specific functions contained within the S5 software as required.

**What you need to do**

Please check your company's equipment and machines to see if any action is required and contact us if you have any queries. The following solution is available to safeguard the continued availability of your equipment. Our Helpdesk would be happy to help you with any explanations.

**Schlatter recommends upgrading to a Siemens SIMATIC S7 to pre-empt any failure of the SIMATIC S5.****Siemens S5 to Siemens S7 upgrade:**

- Siemens SIMATIC S7 PLC including adaptor components for existing S5 cabling
- PC or industrial computer with PLS for visualisation and data processing
- S5 PLC software transferred to the S7
- Usually possible to replace older PLS versions with PLSWin

**Reasons to upgrade:**

- Minimised downtime using new technology
- Improved fault diagnostics
- Online support/diagnostics via modem or Internet (with valid service agreement)
- Lower spare parts costs and increased spare parts availability
- Shorter delivery times for spare parts as a result of current technology
- High level of available expertise for Siemens S7

**Replacement by a Schlatter service engineer**

Our qualified service engineers are able to exchange and upgrade components very quickly. This ensures that any system downtime is kept to a minimum and the system will function correctly following the modification.

Please contact us for any further details or information.

Please direct any queries to our Helpdesk on +41 (0) 44 732 74 20.

Please request quotes from or place orders with our spare parts service on +41 (0) 44 732 71 11 or by email to [ersatzteile@schlattergroup.com](mailto:ersatzteile@schlattergroup.com)

Yours sincerely

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