

Dear GPIB-ENET Customer,

This is to announce that National Instruments will be discontinuing the GPIB-ENET controllers and replacing them with the next-generation Ethernet-to-GPIB Controllers—the GPIB-ENET/100. The new GPIB-ENET/100 controllers offer superior performance at a lower price and can be used in applications that previously used the GPIB-ENET without software modifications.

Features of the GPIB-ENET/100, the New Ethernet-to-GPIB Controller

- 100 percent software compatibility with the GPIB-ENET
- Lower list price
- Improved performance with transfer rates above 800 kbytes/s
- Support for both 10Base-T and 100Base-TX networks
- Ease of use and configuration
 - No dip switches
 - DHCP support for dynamically assigning IP addresses
- New mechanical design for rack-mount, din rail, wall mounting, or stacking units
- Currently in full production

Note: The new GPIB-ENET/100 is available only with twisted-pair network ports. If your network requires a coax connection, you will need a twisted-pair to coax adapter. This package includes a document that describes the available options.

We have included the GPIB-ENET/100 datasheet for your review. For more information on National Instruments Ethernet instrumentation solutions, visit ni.com/enet.

GPIB-ENET Discontinuation

The GPIB-ENET controllers were designed with an older architecture that does not take advantage of our latest technologies. Furthermore, they use several end-of-life components that are no longer available on the market.

At National Instruments we are committed to our customers' success. Therefore, we will continue to offer the GPIB-ENET controllers until **November 1, 2001**. If you do not plan to transition to the new GPIB-ENET/100 controllers, we encourage you to purchase the GPIB-ENET controllers that you would need in this timeframe. Contact your National Instruments representative for information about availability.

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All GPIB-ENET controllers sold on or before November 1, 2001 will receive the same quality product support, repair, and replacement services as in the past. However, after the standard GPIB guarantee period of two years, National Instruments will only offer these services based on product availability.

We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause you. At the same time, we are very excited about the opportunity to offer you a better product that would serve your needs. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your National Instruments representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Vanessa Trujillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

E. Vanessa Trujillo
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