



## Technical Enhancement Notification Grid Solutions

Report: TEN-2020-006-GIS  
Date: 15-12-2020  
Category: End of Support/Life

# GIS - Product End of Life

**PRODUCT LINE:**  GIS  AIS  TRANSFORMER  HVDC  FACTS  SPS  CAPACITORS  
**CATEGORY:**  Technical Enhancement  New Services Introduction  End of Support/Life

## BACKGROUND

GE's Grid Solutions is committed to customer care and the support of our products.

As part of this commitment, GE strives to design high quality products, provide knowledge support teams, and communicate the availability of new features or products as well as managing the withdrawal of support for aging products.

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The GE factory ceased the manufacture of the products listed below in 2002. The components' obsolescence, the design constraints and the vanishing supply chain competencies result in an unsustainable support of the remaining installed base.

This notice applies to the following products manufactured by GE legacy companies.

### GIS Insulated Switchgear:

- B142 (Switchgear 420kV)
- FB16 (Circuit Breaker)

### B142 (Switchgear 420kV)

In accordance with GE obsolescence strategy and considering the age profile of these products, GE will continue to offer spare parts and components and perform standard maintenance activities as defined in the Maintenance Plan from the Operation Manual of the product, except for the circuit breaker, until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026.

The detailed feasibility and maintenance for the circuit breaker will be performed on a case-by case analysis.

After 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026, GE will provide workshop repair activities on a case-by case basis following a detailed feasibility analysis. Enquiries for parts or other services will no longer be supported and will be managed on a reasonable-endeavors basis.



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### **FB16 (Circuit Breaker)**

GE will continue to supply spare parts and perform standard service activities as defined in the Maintenance Plan from the Operation Manual of the product, until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026.

Other Services might be not supported anymore. In this case, GE will offer a retrofit solution with state-of-the-art technology.

### **REPLACEMENT**

GE can provide support to replace existing installed base of affected products including consulting, supplying, installing and commissioning alternative products which utilize state-of-the-art design and manufacturing techniques. Such a transition allows users to benefit from latest technology.

### **SUPPORT TIMEFRAME**

The obsolescence of the referenced products will be effective on **31<sup>st</sup> December 2026**. For this reason, and as of today, extended quotation and delivery times might be expected.

GE is committed to supporting customer's switchgear needs. Although all products affected by this notice are now out of the warranty period, GE's warranty obligations are unaffected by this End-of-Life Notification.

On a case-by-case basis, GE teams can deliver product training either in GE Training Institute or at customer site. Trainings can cover part of maintenance capabilities.

Upon complete withdrawal of GE's support on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026 and considering the last dispatch date for orders from the factory, the switchgear products referred will have exceeded their intended life and should component obsolescence or sourcing difficulties affect the ability to honor longer term support commitments, GE will offer a functionally equivalent device.



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### CONTACT INFORMATION

For any questions or comments, any suggestions, please contact your local service team who will guide you towards GE Excellence Center when required.

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### Recommended Alternative Products:

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