



Engineering Samples Policy

In order to allow technical evaluation of future products by our customers, Linear Technology may provide Engineering Samples (ES) of unreleased products. Unreleased products are devices that are still in development. As such, ES parts carry risks of changes in specifications, characteristics, functionality, pin-out, form-factor, and schedule

We believe that providing ES parts is beneficial by permitting our customers to perform an early assessment of a new product or technology. However, because of the nature of an unreleased product, we advise our customers to be aware of the following risks:

- 1) Specification Changes. Before a product is released, specifications may change due to many factors, including manufacturability, quality assurance, performance and functionality.
- 2) Pinout Changes. Although very unlikely, changes may be made to pin assignments prior to product release.
- 3) Form Factor Changes. Prior to release, changes may be made to the package type(s) offered.
- 4) Mask Changes. Prior to release, mask changes may be made to improve manufacturability, quality, performance or functionality.
- 5) Schedule Delays. Linear Technology cannot guarantee delivery dates for unreleased products.

For these reasons, Linear Technology cannot guarantee that any Engineering Samples will be identical in form, function, or specifications to the released product. Moreover, Linear Technology makes no general commitment to notify customers in advance of changes to unreleased product.

Customers are strongly encouraged to obtain from Linear Technology the final released product datasheet, samples, and production schedule before committing to the ES product under their evaluation.