



## CUSTOMER ADVISORY TOP MARK ENHANCEMENT

Altera is adding two characters, one prefix and one suffix, to its current nine-character date code field. These characters are being added to enhance internal traceability and will not affect customer ordering codes.

Altera will begin transitioning to this new date code format effective February 14, 2000. Thus, products top marked with date code **0007** or later will bear the new prefix "A" as shown below. Suffix "T", if marked, will follow the date code as shown below:

	<b>Topside Date Code Format</b>
Current format	XβZααYYWW
New format	<b>A</b> XβZααYYWW <b>T</b>

The alphanumeric date code consists of alpha characters that detail die specifics & test location, and numeric characters that identify manufacturing year & workweek.

For additional information regarding the changes described in this document, please contact your local Altera sales representative or Altera customer quality engineering at (408) 544-7563.