

Inventory Access

An alternative to costly parts inventories

Problem

- Economic conditions have reduced capital investment accounts
- Along with capital investments, spare part, maintenance and repair budgets for most customers have been cut
- Resulting shortages of critical spare parts have caused production shut downs waiting for part deliveries
- Inventoried parts are losing warranty protection while sitting on shelves, increasing costs and exposure
- Spare parts budgets are dramatically reduced forcing customers to make tough decisions on what parts to stock



Solution

The ABB Inventory Access Program is designed to give ABB customers a cost-effective alternative to a purchased spares inventory.

This program makes critical spare parts available, and helps you to avoid problems purchasing and maintaining an inventory.

For a simple monthly fee, this program puts parts owned and maintained by ABB into your facility. You have no capital investment in the parts. The monthly fee is based on inventory value and length of contract commitment.

Benefits:

- Capital investment is reduced
- Inventory costs are carried by ABB
- The costs associated with replacement parts orders are minimized
- Parts warranties begin when parts are removed from inventory
- ABB works with you to replace parts drawn from your existing, inventories. As your inventories are drawn down, they are restocked with ABB-owned parts

- System downtime and lost production time are reduced because critical components are available immediately on-site
- A larger complement of on-site spares is kept in stock
- Spare parts inventories are adjusted to support upgrades to existing equipment and new equipment
- Parts inventories are stored and maintained on-site according to ABB guidelines, and located in a controlled access area
- All parts will remain in their original packaging for warranty, return, and quality assurance purposes
- The warranty period begins when a part is removed from the inventory and the original packaging seal is broken

ABB's solution is best because:

- You have the assurance of dealing with an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) who supplies OEM parts
- ABB can track part use data to find common failures modes and recommend changes at specific process levels
- Your costs for spares and inventory maintenance drop dramatically
- Parts warranty periods do not begin until parts are put into use

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