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MODEL 4872 GPIB TO LAN PRINTER INTERFACE
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PLEASANTON, CA, January 4, 2012. Today ICS Electronics announced a new GPIB-to-LAN Printer Interface for connecting older Analyzers and Instruments with GPIB outputs to a printer with an Ethernet interface. ICS's Model 4872 lets older analyzers and instruments that were designed to operate with a GPIB plotter or printer find new life with a modern printer. The need for this interface has come about as the older GPIB printers and plotters are failing and replacement parts and supplies are virtually obsolete. Printers have also evolved from having GPIB interfaces to parallel 'Centronics' to USB and now to Ethernet interfaces. The 4872 solves this problem by acting as a transparent, GPIB-to-LAN Interface for today's Ethernet equipped printers.

The Model 4872 is a follow-on product to ICS's older 4892B GPIB-to-Parallel Printer Interface and incorporates several features that make it easy to use in today's networked world. The 4872 is easily configured with any browser and includes a test page to verify that the printer is PCL5 and HP-GL compatible. The 4872 uses SNMP protocol to monitor the printer's status and can be configured to handle many instrument-printer compatibility problems. The 4872 also has the ability to output the instrument's data to a PC for archival purposes while printing.

Many analyzers and other instruments are used in a stand-alone basis where the user only wants to print or plot the test data. These instruments were originally designed to send their data to a GPIB based printer or plotter. The GPIB printers and plotters are dying and supplies for the older plotters are either obsolete or are difficult to find. These older analyzers and instruments are still in good working order and are very expensive to replace. The 4872 and a PCL5/HP-GL compatible printer can replace the obsolete printer or plotter for less than $700.

Pricing for the Model 4872 is $485 each is quantities of 1 to 4 units, FOB Pleasanton, California. Delivery is 3 to 4 weeks ARO. Each 4872 includes a full manual, Ethernet cable, and a Support CD with an example Data Archival program.

ICS Electronics is a pioneer and leader in the design and development of IEEE 488 Bus support products, Serial, VXI bus and Ethernet interface products. ICS's GPIB product line includes GPIB Controllers, Interfaces, Expanders, Extenders and many GPIB support products.

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