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Astronics Test Systems Announces New Semiconductor System-Level Test (SLT) Platform

New massively parallel platform delivers industry's lowest cost of test for SLT

EAST AURORA, N.Y., Nov. 07, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Astronics Corporation](#) (NASDAQ:ATRO), through its wholly-owned subsidiary [Astronics Test Systems](#), introduced its new breakthrough System-Level Test (SLT) platform that is expected to revolutionize the testing of high volume integrated semiconductor devices. The new [ATS 5034 System-Level Test \(SLT\) Platform](#) improves production efficiency and greatly reduces the cost of test by processing up to 396 devices simultaneously.



A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/acd811d1-fd18-40fc-ba11-b36d52aa19bb>

This new platform is ideal for testing the latest semiconductor devices for mobile, automotive, wearable and industrial applications. The ATS 5034 SLT Platform can be tailored to meet precise production test requirements. Customers will benefit from the dramatically reduced footprint of the ATS 5034 SLT Platform and the ability to test up to 5,000 units per hour (UPH).

“For the past 20 years, we’ve provided system-level and burn-in testers that have tested

more than 9 billion semiconductor devices globally,” explained Jon Sinskie, Executive Vice President of Astronics Test Systems. “The ATS 5034 SLT Platform is our newest tester, which for the first time offers an affordable method for semiconductor manufacturers to improve yields by implementing a 100% SLT test insertion in production.”

Affordable 100% SLT through a Massively Parallel Platform

The new ATS 5034 SLT Platform tests integrated semiconductors in “mission mode” to verify performance of the semiconductor at the operating level. Traditionally a difficult, expensive test insertion, the new ATS 5034 makes it simple for manufacturers to now transition to 100% SLT affordably. An engineer can design a test sequence for a single site, and the ATS 5034 SLT Platform easily scales that sequence to hundreds of sites.

“With the increasing complexity of today’s semiconductor devices and pressures to cost effectively hit aggressive time to market schedules, customers are looking for new ways to find defects that are missed during traditional ATE functional testing,” explained Anil Bhalla, Senior Marketing Manager for Astronics Test Systems. “We’ve built a platform that enables customers to find these defects with SLT in a way that previously was not cost effective.”

Customizable and adaptable, this versatile modular platform satisfies a variety of manufacturing test functions including system characterization, validation, and qualification, system-level test and RMA/failure debug.

Key features include:

- Testing of integrated semiconductor devices, such as microprocessors, microcontrollers, and embedded systems
- Test up to 396 devices simultaneously, at a rate of up to 5,000 UPH
- Support for popular package types: system on chip (SoC), module, and heterogeneous system in package (SiP)
- Turnkey automation with JEDEC trays input and outputs, including lot cascading
- Astronics’ ActivATE™ software, an easy-to-use test executive
- Extremely accurate thermal stress testing capability (+/- 1° C)
- Small factory footprint

Astronics can further customize this platform for various low, medium or high volume system-level test scenarios. This platform also includes support from the Astronics program management organization, which oversees installation and maintenance at any global location. Units are in production and shipping in the first quarter of 2017.

For more information on semiconductor testing solutions from Astronics, visit AstronicsTestSystems.com.

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