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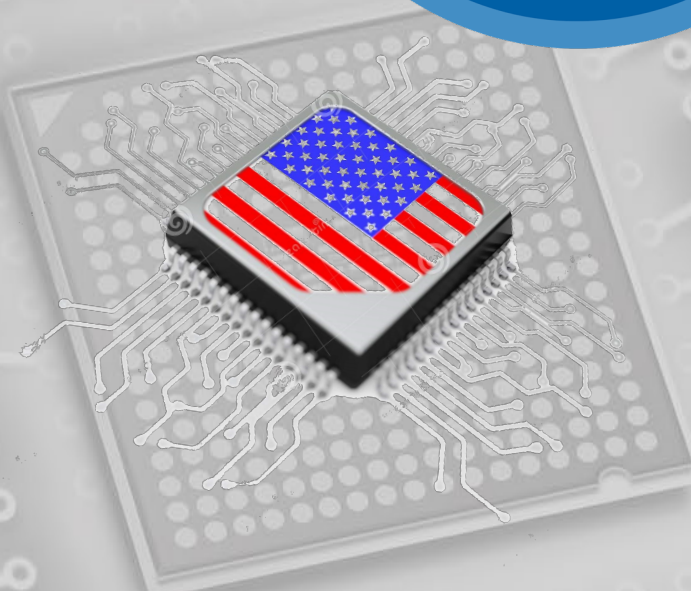


## A Solution for Microcircuit Obsolescence

Generalized Emulation of  
Microcircuits (GEM) Program

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# SRI International

Independent, Nonprofit Institute, Supporting Government and Industry

## Mission

**SRI** creates **WORLD-CHANGING SOLUTIONS** making people safer, healthier, and more productive

## Structure

HQ in Silicon Valley  
14 locations in U.S.  
+ Japan & Australia  
40+ research groups  
1,200+ Staff  
\$400M Annual R&D Funding



## Legacy

Founded in 1946  
by Stanford  
University



## Research & Manufacturing Focus



### Human Augmentation

Intelligent interactive systems that augment human abilities



### Automation & Infrastructure

Smart and secure systems that enhance capacity, capability and connectivity



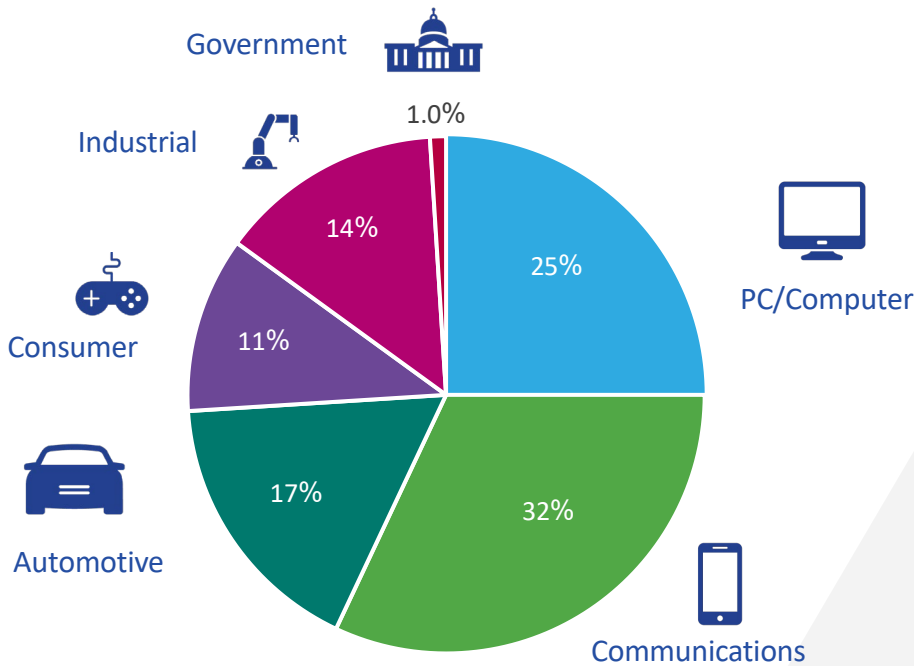
### Healthcare

Technologies that improve patient outcomes and lower healthcare costs



## Details

2023 Total Global Semiconductor Market: \$527 Billion



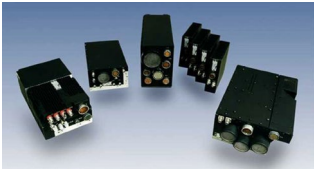
Source: Semiconductor Industry Association Fact Book 2024

- Obsolescence is economics driven
  - Building facilities costs \$Billions
  - Maintaining costs \$Millions
  - Manufacturing only cost effective in high volume
  - Manufacturers apply resources (\$\$) to high return markets
- Military is the smallest slice at 1% of total market
- Today's new products are shortening microcircuit lifecycles

# The Effect of Microcircuit Obsolescence on Weapon Systems



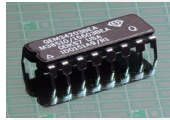
A single unavailable microcircuit affects operational readiness at every level



Sub-systems/Units:  
LRUs, WRAs, Boxes



Assemblies:  
PCBs, CCAs, SRUs, SRAs



Components:  
Microcircuits, Chips, ICs



Manufacturing:  
Design, Fabrication, and QCI Testing

# What is Needed to Address the U. S. Government's Need of Microcircuits?

- U. S. based on demand manufacturer
  - Can manufacture in small volumes
  - Long gaps between production runs
- Continuous manufacture of existing product
  - Wafer process technology is never obsoleted
  - Design databases maintained for many years
- Qualified as a QML manufacturer
  - Compliance to MIL-PRF-38535 testing and manufacturing
- Large microcircuit product portfolio
  - Ability to design, manufacture, and test many types of microcircuits
- Can design and manufacture legacy microcircuits
  - Reverse engineer existing specifications and microcircuits
  - Form, fit, and function replacement with no changes to existing hardware or software

## Commercial Challenges

- Wafer fabs need high volumes to be economically viable
- Difficult to support and maintain a large portfolio of microcircuits
- Cannot justify the economics of supporting the 1% market share for Government needs

## What is GEM?

Generalized  
Emulation of  
Microcircuits

## DLA & SRI International

- GEM is a DLA Program, providing military grade microcircuits
- SRI International (formerly Sarnoff Corp.) is DLA's prime contractor for the GEM Program, located in Princeton, NJ
- GEM was created to fill a void; continue to supply microcircuits when the industrial community no longer will manufacture, and the aftermarket supply has dried up
- The GEM program does not compete with industry
- Program goal is to support the Warfighter with a cost-effective, long-term solution for sustainment

Maintain Capability to Produce Unavailable Microcircuits

# SRI's Microcircuit Emulation Center

*All Manufacturing at SRI's Microcircuit Emulation Center in Princeton, NJ  
(formerly Sarnoff Corporation)*



## Reverse Engineering

## Design & Layout

## Microcircuit Manufacturing

## QML Testing

## Available Microcircuit

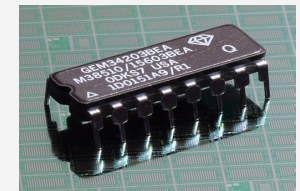
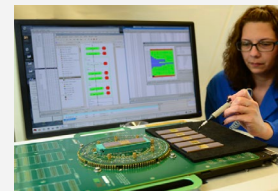
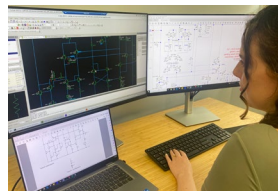
- Characterization of electrical performance
- Physical delayering of silicon and GDSII recreation
- Design recovery

- Full-suite of state-of-the-art EDA tools
- Foundry capabilities modeled and integrated into design flow

- 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup> Clean Room, Class 10 & 100
- Government Trust Accreditation
- QML manufacturing
- SPC manufacturing process covering all process areas

- Reliability and Functional ATE characterization
- QML Certified test flow (MIL-PRF-38535)
- Lab suitability Certified

- Form, Fit, Function, & Interface replacement Class Q Microcircuits



# New Emulation Lead Time

*On-Demand Manufacturing Volume Can Affect Lead Time*



Available inventory delivered in 2 - 6 weeks



# U.S. Based Wafer Facility

- No dependency on outside wafer facility
- Allows for continuous on demand manufacturing

Technology Node	>3.0 $\mu\text{m}$	1.5 $\mu\text{m}$	1.2 $\mu\text{m}$	0.8 $\mu\text{m}$	0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	0.35 $\mu\text{m}$
Process Technology	CMOS BiCMOS HV CMOS	CMOS BiCMOS HV CMOS	CMOS BiCMOS	CMOS Bipolar DTI Schottky	CMOS SOI	LV CMOS
Metal Layers	2 levels	2 levels	3 levels	3 levels	3 levels	5 levels



# Permanent Solution Example

- **GEM Part No. GEM06001BAA**
  - Emulation of M38510/02601BAA
  - NSN No. 5962-01-423-9501
  - Generic part number 54L86 in a flat-pack package
    - Initially designed and manufactured in 1997
    - Multiple delivery orders during 1997 - 2004
- **DLA Purchase Order received February 2021**
  - Requested part no. M38510/02601BDA
  - Same microcircuit in an alternate package
  - Buyer requested expedited delivery schedule
- **Results**
  - New wafer lot was manufactured
  - Package assembly used new alternate package
  - Delivery was 17 weeks earlier than promised date
  - Shipment was 24 years after first product shipment and 17 years since the last delivery to DLA



1997: Initial design and manufacture

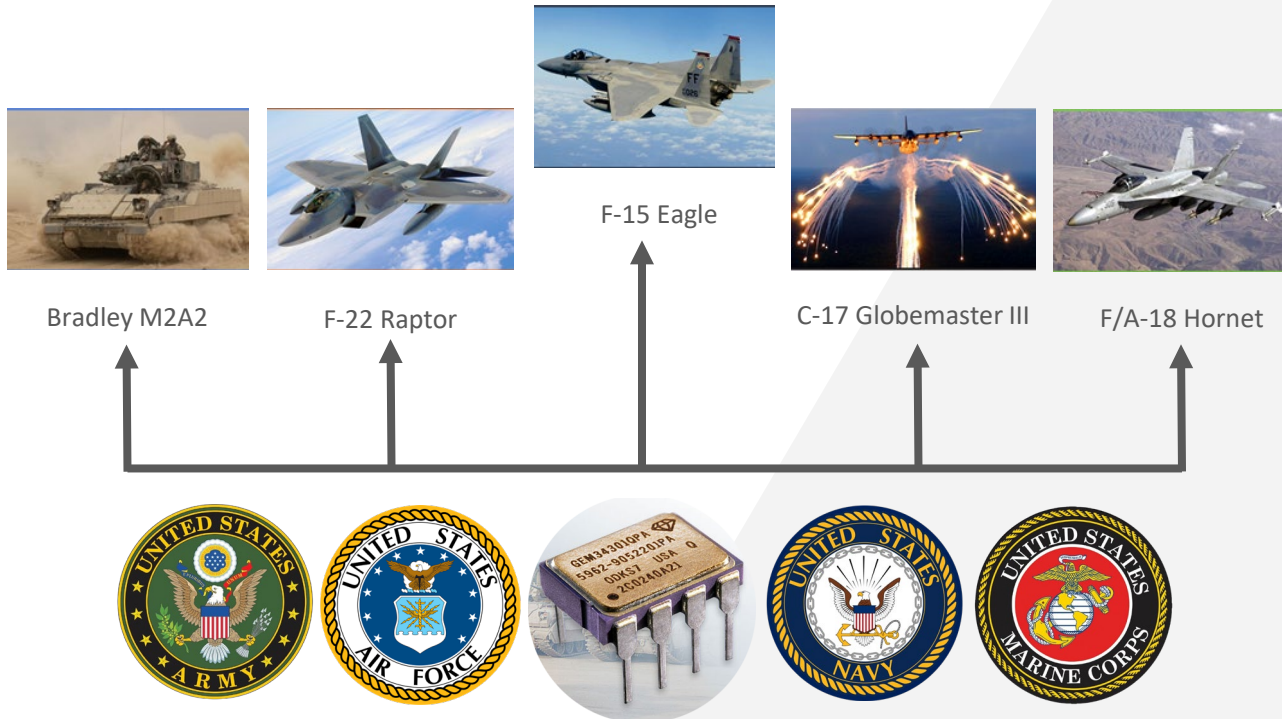


24 years later



2021: New wafer lot manufactured assembled in an alternate package

# Emulation Provides Multiple System Support



GEM34301QPA

SMD Part No: 5962-9052201PA

NSN: 5962-01-376-2175

Single GEM Microcircuit Used Across Several Systems Maintaining Readiness

### History of GEM emulations

First GEM microcircuits manufactured in 1997

Over 18,000 parts delivered

More than 400 delivery orders

Delivered to Boeing, DLA Land & Maritime, and distributors for U. S. and FMS customers

### GEM Microcircuit National Stock Numbers

Aircraft: 335 NSNs

Simulators: 19 NSNs

Support Equipment: 28 NSNs

### Benefit to U. S. Air Force and allies

Keeps maintenance costs low

Parts can be sourced through DLA

Minimizes equipment down time

Permanent solution to obsolescence



# Current DLA SMCR listings

- Total of 1,004 microcircuits listed
- Additional microcircuits in the process of being added
- All can be manufactured on an on-demand basis



**DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**  
**DLA Land and Maritime**  
**Standard Microcircuit Cross-Reference**

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New SMCR Search

### Part Number / Key Word Search Results

**Caution:** Do not use Vendor PN for item acquisition (procurement). Items acquired to this number may not satisfy the performance requirements of the Standard PN as specified in the SMD or MIL-M-38510 slash sheet.

Vendor Name contains sri

Previous  Next

Total Records Received: 1004

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Standard PN	Source	Vendor PN	EOL Date	Description
5962-0050701QEA	SRI	GEM22101QEA		TIMER/COUNTER, PROGRAMMABLE
5962-0050701QEC	SRI	GEM22101QEC		TIMER/COUNTER, PROGRAMMABLE
5962-0150701Q2A	SRI	GEM31701Q2A		LOOK-AHEAD CARRY GENERATOR, HIGH SPEED
5962-0150701Q2C	SRI	GEM31701Q2C		LOOK-AHEAD CARRY GENERATOR, HIGH SPEED
5962-0150701QEA	SRI	GEM31701QEA		LOOK-AHEAD CARRY GENERATOR, HIGH SPEED
5962-0150701QEC	SRI	GEM31701QEC		LOOK-AHEAD CARRY GENERATOR, HIGH SPEED
5962-0721701QXA	SRI	GEM36401QXA		MICROPROCESSOR, 16-BIT, MIL-STD-1750A
5962-0721701QXC	SRI	GEM36401QXC		MICROPROCESSOR, 16-BIT, MIL-STD-1750A
5962-0922201QEA	SRI	GEM40301QEA		SYNCHRONOUS 4-BIT UP/DOWN BINARY COUNTER
5962-8550102CA	SRI	GEM39202QCA		HEX INVERTER, SCHMITT TRIGGER
5962-8550102CC	SRI	GEM39202QCC		HEX INVERTER, SCHMITT TRIGGER
5962-86702012A	SRI	GEM07301Q2A		REGISTER, D-TYPE, QUAD, WITH TWO INDEPENDENTLY-CONTROLLED 3-STATE OUTPUTS

Search for parts and download the existing list

## GEM Parts List

See your part? Request a quote.

Search: 596201

Part Number	Generic P/N	GEM P/N	Description	Status	NSN
5962-8754201RA	25LS2513	GEM02901BRA	PRIORITY ENCODER, 8-TO-3 LINE	Emulation Available	5962012642962
5962-8754201SA	25LS2513	GEM02901BSA	PRIORITY ENCODER, 8-TO-3 LINE	Emulation Available	5962012642963
M38510/00601BDA	5482	GEM03601BDA	ADDER, 2-BIT	Emulation Available	5962014675841
7702701CX	4069UB		GATE, INVERTER, HEX	Emulation Available	5962011249258
M38510/17401BCA	4069UB		GATE, INVERTER, HEX	Emulation Available	5962011249258
M38510/01308BEA	54192	GEM04601BEA	COUNTER, 4-BIT, UP/DOWN, SYNCHRONOUS, ASYNCHRONOUS RESET AND ENABLE	Emulation Available	5962010203519
SNJ54192J	54192		COUNTER, 4-BIT, UP/DOWN, SYNCHRONOUS, ASYNCHRONOUS RESET AND ENABLE	Emulation Available	5962014839882
M38510/31507BEA	54LS192		COUNTER, 4-BIT, UP/DOWN, SYNCHRONOUS, ASYNCHRONOUS RESET AND ENABLE	Emulation Available	5962010689592
M38510/31507BFA	54LS192	GEM05101BFA	COUNTER, 4-BIT, UP/DOWN, SYNCHRONOUS, ASYNCHRONOUS RESET AND ENABLE	Emulation Available	5962010705871
M38510/02201BCA	54H72	GEM05901BCA	FLIP-FLOP, JK, PRESET, CLEAR, SINGLE	Emulation Available	5962010195476
M38510/02601BAA	54L86	GEM06001BAA	GATE, EXCLUSIVE-OR, QUAD	Emulation Available	5962014239501
5962-8689001CA	54HCT14	GEM06301QCA	GATE, INVERTER, TTL-COMPATIBLE INPUTS, HEX	Emulation Available	5962012583494
M38510/65752BCA	54HCT14	GEM06352BCA	GATE, INVERTER, TTL-COMPATIBLE INPUTS, HEX	Emulation Available	5962014334908
SNJ54HCT14J	54HCT14		GATE, INVERTER, TTL-COMPATIBLE INPUTS, HEX	Emulation Available	5962012583494
M38510/01504BEA	9314	GEM06401BEA	LATCH, 4-BIT, MASTER RESET	Emulation Available	5962010262494
M38510/07501BDA	54S86		GATE, EXCLUSIVE-OR, QUAD	Emulation Available	5962012862904
M38510/02002BCA	54L20	GEM06701BCA	GATE, NAND, DUAL	Emulation Available	5962012686365
M38510/02002BDA	54L20	GEM06701BDA	GATE, NAND, DUAL	Emulation Available	5962012859153
7700703QA	2901	GEM06803QQA	MICROPROCESSOR, 4-BIT	Emulation Available	5962014659391
8405701QA	2901C	GEM06801QQA	MICROPROCESSOR, SLICE, 4-BIT	Emulation Available	5962012251555
8405701ZA	2901C	GEM06801QZA	MICROPROCESSOR, SLICE, 4-BIT	Emulation Available	5962012134583
M38510/02501BCA	54L90	GEM06901BCA	COUNTER, 4-BIT, BINARY	Emulation Available	5962010900727
5962-8670201RA	25LS2519	GEM07301QRA	REGISTER, D-TYPE, TWO INDEPENDENTLY-CONTROL	Emulation Available	5962012527009
M38510/23104BEA	93L425	GEM07401BEA	MEMORY, RAM, STATIC, LOW-POWER, 70NS ACCESS	Emulation Available	5962011092430
5962-8672301RA	2947	GEM07501QRA	TRANSCIEIVER, 8-BIT, 3-STATE OUTPUTS	Emulation Available	5962012537436
Part Number	Generic ...	GEM P/N	Description	Status	NSN

- Over 30,000 parts currently listed @ [gemes.com/parts/](https://www.gemes.com/parts/)
- Search by part, generic, or GEM part numbers, description, or NSN
- Updated when newly emulated parts or a new technology becomes available

## • Non-Reoccurring Engineering Costs

- NRE costs are reviewed by DLA
- DLA determines the amount of NRE funding
- Unique applications may be jointly funded
- Non-funded NRE costs are added to the unit price of the initial parts order

## • Prototype and production devices

- Part prices are set by DLA
- Purchasing organization responsible for part costs

## • Insertion testing costs

- Funded by weapon system program office or contractor



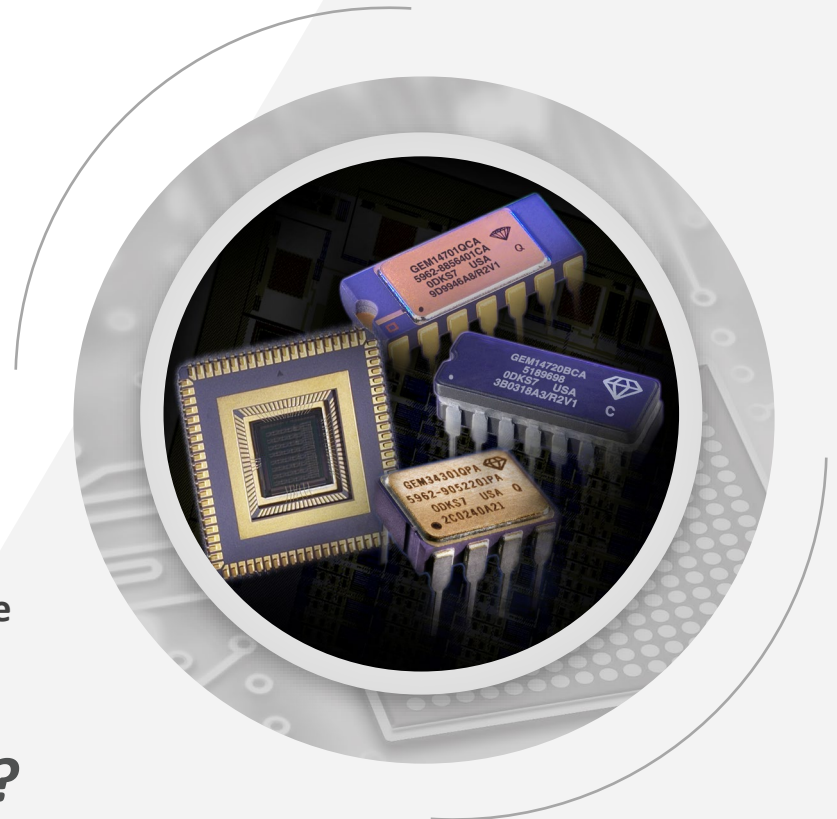
## Through Direct Contract with SRI

- Applies to Government, Non-Government, & Commercial Activities
- Contract Arrangement through SRI and the Customer

## Through DLA logistic channels

- Requisitions to DLA
- Military Service (MILSVC) funded requirements
- Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR) to DLA
- SOW/RFP Prepared and Coordinated by DLA

**DLA verifies no alternative commercial source is available**



## Who Can Purchase GEM Devices?

All Military Services, All Government and Federal Agencies, Original End Equipment Manufacturers and Distributors





- GEM Breaks the Obsolescence Cycle
- Over 560 weapon systems supported
- Over 175,000 QML qualified parts delivered
- Over 1000 parts listed on DLA QML-38535
- Capability to manufacture over 30,000 parts

## GEM Benefits

- Over \$2B estimated cost avoidance
- Eliminate counterfeit concerns
- Avert MICAP & production shutdowns
- Maintain weapon system readiness levels
- Support the warfighter with a cost-effective, permanent, long-term solution



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