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Technical Bulletin

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Subject: Programs 'HANG UP' on a WA() instruction.

Applicability: MC2 system software versions 1.25 and before.

Details: The TICKS counter in each process always counts down and when it reaches -2³²

it should overflow without causing problems. Sometimes it does not and freezes at

 -2^{32} resulting in the WA() instruction hanging up the program.

The problem was fixed in Version 1.26.

Solution: Load system software V1.26 or higher or take the following measures within the

Trio Basic application program(s);

(i) For machines which are turned off at least once a week: Set TICKS=0 at the beginning of each of your programs so that it is called only once when the process is started.

(ii) Where the machine is required to be powered up all the time: You <u>must</u> reset TICKS=0 at some point in each of the processes, for example once per machine cycle or once per operator initiated start.