



Windows 7 End of Life – January 14th 2020

After ten years in service, Microsoft have announced they are ending support for their most popular operating system **Windows 7** on 14th January 2020.

After this date any new security flaws in the operating system will not be fixed, potentially leaving your KELCH tool presetting machine more susceptible to malware and cyber-attacks.

How does this affect my business?

All KELCH presetting machines operate on Windows software, so we are contacting our customers to make them aware of machines running unsupported versions of Windows Operating Systems.

Will my KELCH machine still work after Windows 7 ends?

If you continue to use Windows 7 (or earlier versions of Windows) after support has ended, your PC will still work, but it will become more vulnerable to security risks and viruses. Your PC will continue to start and run, but you will no longer receive software updates, including security updates, from Microsoft.

KELCH UK's team of dedicated service engineers will continue to make it their priority to ensure that your technology always performs at its optimum level. Whilst we are still able to service older presetters, it is becoming increasingly difficult to source certain spare parts such as motherboards, hard drives and PCI cards for unsupported Windows PC systems.

Can I upgrade the Windows 7 (or earlier) PC Control System installed in my KELCH presetter?

In order to combat these problems and pre-empt any potential data loss or machine down-time, KELCH are able to offer hardware and software based upgrade packages for our full range of tool presetting machines. The latest upgrade packages benefit from the following:

- Windows 10 Pro (64 Bit) Operating System with all the latest security and bug fix updates
- Ruggedized Industrial PC unit with additional cooling fans & filters
- High performance and capacity PC components with Intel Core i3 processors, 8GB RAM, 500GB hard drive
- Easy WebSet v10 measuring software with improved measuring and data storage functions
- Precision FireWire CCD camera measuring systems with new IR light source
- New 24" widescreen monitor with 2nd monitor options + USB peripherals
- Transfer and update of all existing tool data and measuring programs
- Installation and operator training supplied by our experienced team of support staff

What do I need to do next?

If you are interested in securing and extending the life of your presetting machine for the coming years and would like to benefit from increased presetter performance, stability and reduced downtime, then please contact us (or reply to this email) for further details and prices.

Our expert team will guide you through the necessary steps to bring your KELCH presetter up to the very latest and safest specification for your business. You can also get in touch with our technical team by phone on **01604 583800** or by email at info@kelch.co.uk.