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- Simple to use graphical user interface
- Low cost per part (pennies per part)
- High throughput rate (seconds per part)
- Easily integrated with automated pick and place machines

Barricade Signal Acquisition Hardware Specification

- **Device Socket**: Compatible with Xeltek SUPERPRO 5000/5004GP series sockets
- **Device Configuration**: Up to 48 user defined pin connections per component configuration
- **Data Acquisition**: 500MS @ 12-bit sampling, 200MHz bandwidth
- **Push Button Switch**: User control to initiate scan of inserted device
- **Multi-color LED**: User indicator for system status
- **Connection to PC**: USB 2.0
- **Input Power**: 120VAC-60Hz
- **Enclosure Size**: 13” H x 9” W x 4.5” H
- **Enclosure Weight**: 14 lbs
- **Operational Temperature**: 20 deg C to 30 deg C

Barricade User Interface Requirements

- **Computer**: Microsoft Windows 7/10 TBD processor and RAM
- **Connection to Hardware**: USB 2.0
- **Part Configuration Library and Waveform Data Storage**: Authorized network connection to remote database via VPN (provided)
- **Software**: Barricade Data Client Application with multiple user accounts (provided)

How It Works:

Barricade™ is comprised of signal acquisition hardware and software installed at customer sites.

The system collects and transmits a user component fingerprint to a remote, authenticated server for classification.

A user report is returned to the system with the results of the authentication classifier.

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