From VISION to GEN3i

The portable data recorder GEN3i has been designed in the best tradition of VISION from LDS Nicolet*. GEN3i combines the powerful features of VISION, enhanced by many technological and usability improvements.



See the complete comparison here:

General and PC portion

	VISION	GEN3i	Advantages
Configuration	Instrument only, closed PC (PC was hidden)	Instrument and PC based DAQ	Dual use interface; switchable between instrument and DAQ system
Positioning	High-end streaming data recorder	High-end streaming data re- corder and transient recorder	Now also with transient recording
Size	420 x 320 x 150 mm	440 x 350 x 190 mm	
Weight	9 kg	10-12 kg	
Hard disk	36 - 144 GB Hard disk	480 GB Solid state disk	No moving parts, extremely robust
Screen	10", 800x600 or 640x480	17", 1280x1024	~ 4 times more information
0S	Win98 or WinXP	Windows 7 Ultimate 64 bit	Latest OS, future-proof
PC motherboard	NLX Industrial form factor	Standard motherboard	Easy to upgrade
User interface	Buttons & wheel, mouse & keyboard	Touch screen, mouse & keyboard	Even easier. VISION was already known for its easy user interface.
Connectivity	100 MBit Ethernet, USB 1.1	1 GBit Ethernet, USB 3.0/2.0, WLAN	Up-to-date connectivity

DAQ portion

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Acquisition slots	None, fixed 8 or 16 channels	3 slots	Modular and expandable
Channel count	8 or 16	4 to 96, pending from input modules	Easy upgrade later
Sample rates	100 kS/s per channel	Up to 2 MS/s per channel (18ch); up to 100 MS/s tran- sient to RAM	20 times faster plus RAM acquisitions
HDD Memory	36 – 72 – 144 GB	480 GB	More memory
Streaming rate	1.6 MS/s aggregate; but also 100 kS/s per channel limit	200 MB/s aggregate; can acquire less channels faster	60 x faster and can be bundled
RAM Memory	None	128 MB to 1800 MB per board	Enables transient recording
Modes	Continuous or triggered	Continuous or triggered; and also dual and slow-fast	More flexible usage
Power loss recovery	Yes	Yes	
On board software	Acquisition and playback	Acquisition and playback; full Perception & Windows	Two different GUIs tailored for the application, plus analysis and reporting
Input modules	+/- 500 V isolated amp; TC via dongles	Full range of amps incl. 1kV, TC via QX satellite (Q4/2013)	All amps are higher accuracy and performance
Accuracy	0.25% typical	0.1% typical	Higher accuracy
Filters	Very limited	Full selection of time or frequency domain optimized filters	Select the best filter for your application

* HBM Genesis HighSpeed products were previously sold under the Nicolet brand. The Nicolet brand is owned by Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Corporation.

