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Acceptance boundary

A positive grant requires every applicable mandatory condition to PASS, every N/A to have independent justification, every in-scope nonconformity to be verified closed, and competent independent authority. HOLD, unknown state, missing evidence, a favourable average, a signature image or a completed form cannot substitute for those conditions.

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1 Scope, trigger and responsibility

Internal checks, independent comparisons, proficiency activity and technically justified alternatives for significant testing, calibration, inspection or statement fields.

Trigger: A technical field becomes active, comparison results arrive, a method changes or adverse validity evidence arises.

Accountable process owner: Technical Methods Lead. Actual named appointments and deputies are recorded separately. The process owner coordinates execution; technical review, independent conformity decisions and operational permissions retain their separate mandates.

Input	Output / destination
Actual request or triggering event, scope and current technical basis	A traceable process record linked to its case/object and the required form modules.
Competence, conflict, authority and access evidence	Approved assignment and lawful access before affected work begins.
Original observations, technical results, limitations and prior history	Reasoned accept/hold/escalation decision; preserved adverse evidence and recipient communications.
Controlling clocks and genuine event timestamps	Actual due/completion records in SC-003 and the relevant register; no administrative reset.

2 Operating sequence

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Trigger: A technical field becomes active, comparison results arrive, a method changes or adverse validity evidence arises.

1. Map significant technical fields

The Technical Methods Lead identifies every method family, property/range, equipment configuration, site and signatory capability requiring validity evidence. Distinct technical principles must not disappear in a general annual participation count.

2. Select suitable challenges

Plan reference checks, blind/duplicate work, retained specimens, independent comparisons or proficiency activities suited to the actual decision. Consider material, geometry, range, uncertainty and consequence. Define what a satisfactory outcome means before results are received.

3. Review provider and item suitability

Check the comparison design, assigned values, reference basis, uncertainty, item homogeneity/stability and confidentiality where applicable. Participation in an exercise does not establish that the exercise validly tests the intended capability.

4. Execute as representative work

Use controlled instructions, actual personnel and declared routine resources. Preserve sample identity, conditions, raw observations and authorised sign-off. Record deviations and assistance rather than presenting specially coached work as ordinary performance.

5. Evaluate results and coverage

Review performance against the pre-established basis and uncertainty. Examine patterns across methods, sites and operators. A satisfactory result for one easy material or range does not automatically cover all technical activity. Maintain a gap map for unchallenged capabilities.

6. Investigate poor performance

Stop or restrict affected work as warranted. Determine method, equipment, environment, data and personnel causes, including prior-result implications. Retain original adverse results and communications. Joining a new exercise or receiving a better result does not by itself close the earlier cause.

7. Use an independently justified alternative

When a suitable external comparison is genuinely unavailable or impracticable, document the reason and an alternative that directly challenges the claimed capability. Obtain independent technical acceptance and state remaining limitations. Do not label the alternative external recognition.

8. Verify restoration and maintain the plan

Demonstrate corrective effectiveness through relevant repeat or independent evidence before restoring the affected capability. Update the field coverage after scope changes, low activity, new software or relocated equipment. Carry conclusions into surveillance and signatory authorisation.

Hold / escalation: Unresolved adverse comparison evidence, an unsuitable assigned value or unchallenged essential field prevents a positive competence conclusion for that scope.

Record handover: AF-AST-FR-011, AF-AST-FR-012, AF-AST-FR-019, AF-AST-FR-027.

3 Completion, holds and handover

Unresolved adverse comparison evidence, an unsuitable assigned value or unchallenged essential field prevents a positive competence conclusion for that scope.

Decision and authority boundary

A positive grant, renewal or extension requires valid scope, every applicable criterion fulfilled, sufficient usable evidence, closure of every in-scope nonconformity, current competent independent decision authority and effective required permissions. No score, majority vote, membership status or future corrective promise replaces a missing gate. An operational technical release, a programme outcome and an administrative publication are separate actions.

Required record	Capture responsibility
AF-AST-FR-011	Technical result and measurement decision
AF-AST-FR-012	Finding, containment and corrective action
AF-AST-FR-019	Laboratory/inspection competence and validity
AF-AST-FR-027	Internal audit, management and independent operator review

The performer hands the actual record to the designated owner or reviewer. The receiving function verifies scope, version, usable evidence, open conditions, original dates and the action it may take. Sending an email, completing a form or setting a database flag is not acceptance of that handover.

4 Timing and escalation

Control / source	Trigger and interval	Required response
Ongoing outcome Core 16.1	Independent conformity decision Maximum 24 months	Shorter profile permitted; AF 9100 retains its own controlling rules. Instance results have no invented ongoing validity.
Routine surveillance Core 16.2	Decision / last completed surveillance Maximum 12 months	Complete evaluation; booking is not completion.
High-consequence / novel / integrity exposure Core 16.2	Decision / last completed surveillance Maximum 6 months	Use the shortest triggered interval for inseparable mixed scopes.

Use actual awareness, notification, completion, decision, issue and expiry timestamps with a declared time zone. Days are calendar days unless explicitly stated otherwise. Month intervals end on the corresponding date, or month-end where that date does not exist. Earlier applicable duties prevail. Source: Annex H.

5 Worked application and failure response

Synthetic example: A synthetic laboratory is enrolled in a comparison but has no completed result. The enrolment is recorded as planned evidence, not satisfactory performance. Initial scope review awaits a valid result or an independently accepted technically suitable alternative.

Before closure, challenge a missing essential input, an expired or conflicted role, wrong configuration, contradictory evidence and an incomplete receiving handover where applicable. Record expected and actual behaviour. A completed synthetic exercise tests reasoning or workflow only; it cannot replace required technical witnessing.

E1 Explicit acceptance and evidence contract

Apply the following logic to the exact evaluated object and responsible function. A procedural checkpoint, product characteristic, competence decision and public credential are different objects. Their states shall not be collapsed into one score. Source: ASTRA 62.1–62.7 and Annex AL.

State	Sufficient basis	Required next action
PASS	Applicable; current approved predicate met by valid, purpose-specific evidence.	Retain the original evidence and bounded inference. Other mandatory gates still apply.
FAIL	Applicable; valid evidence demonstrates that the approved predicate is not met.	Contain affected use; retain the failure; assess cause, extent and required corrective verification.
HOLD	Applicability, criterion, method, evidence, uncertainty or authority is unresolved.	Resolve the missing basis. Do not manufacture a value, favourable default or product-defect conclusion.
N/A	Activity trigger and retained responsibility are absent; independent exclusion approval exists.	Retain the scope-specific reason and reassess when activity or responsibility changes.
UNSET	Only an uncompleted field in this PDF; not a conformity state.	No conclusion is recorded. Complete review before the field can support a decision.

For a compound source clause, create a child-condition ledger containing every separately testable condition, location, phase and operating mode. A sentence-level checkpoint is a navigation aid, not permission to merge unrelated predicates. Each child receives an ID, responsible owner, criterion, method, source evidence, uncertainty where relevant, current state and independent review. The parent cannot PASS while any mandatory child is FAIL, HOLD or UNSET.

An acceptable measurement interval and an acceptable authority chain are independent prerequisites. Use finite, unit-consistent, unrounded values; negative uncertainty, reversed limits, unknown version or wrong-object evidence produce HOLD. For inclusive [L,H] and accepted interval [a,b], PASS requires $a \geq L$ and $b \leq H$; FAIL requires $b < L$ or $a > H$; otherwise HOLD. Approved one-sided or exclusive boundaries retain their own declared predicate.

Positive-decision conjunction

Every applicable mandatory child is PASS AND each N/A is independently justified AND every in-scope nonconformity is verified closed AND scope, competence, independence and actual authority are valid AND required panel participation and voting rules are satisfied. No average, majority preference or payment supplies missing evidence.

E2 Source-to-implementation crosswalk

The references below use the supplied 248-page FIRST EDITION. Each row retains the original clause identifier and source page. The operating instructions in this document elaborate implementation; they do not replace the full source condition or its applicable annexes. A reference to a whole chapter requires selection of every triggered subclause, not only the examples printed here.

ASTRA ID / page	Source subject	Implementation use
9.2 / 19	Verification and validation	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
9.6 / 20	Continuing validity and comparisons	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
19.3 / 32	Method performance and detection	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
19.6 / 32	Calibration and reference capability	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates

ASTRA ID / page	Source subject	Implementation use
19.10 / 33	Comparisons and validity programme	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
19.11 / 33	Nonconforming laboratory or inspection work	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
25.6 / 43	Proficiency and reference-material activities	Requirement, objective evidence and local child predicates
62.3 / 88	Evidence validity before conformity	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
64.5 / 92	Heritage and similarity	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
77.2 / 118	Campaign design and article pedigree	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
77.5 / 118	Original data and invalid tests	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate
77.7 / 119	Retest and corrective verification	Explicit verification and acceptance predicate

E3 Detailed operating extensions

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Implementation basis: 9.2 (p. 19); 9.6 (p. 20); 19.3 (p. 32); 19.10 (p. 33); 25.6 (p. 43); 62.3 (p. 88); 64.5 (p. 92); 77.2 (p. 118); 77.5 (p. 118); 77.7 (p. 119)

X11.1 Design a purposeful validity programme

Define the measurand or task, coverage, reference basis, participant independence, frequency rationale and adverse-performance response.

Completion / hold: Participation alone is not satisfactory performance or demonstrated detection capability.

X11.2 Separate assigned-value and participant uncertainty

Review preparation, homogeneity, stability, transport, characterisation and uncertainty before attributing differences to a participant.

Completion / hold: Unstable or non-representative challenge material cannot support an unqualified competence conclusion.

X11.3 Evaluate limited and adverse results

Preserve nonresponses, invalid runs, outliers and unrepresented fields. Where an external exercise is unavailable, document a technically equivalent challenge and limitations.

Completion / hold: A missing comparison is not an automatic pass; accepted alternatives must test the actual claimed ability.

X11.4 Close causes and historical extent

Test occurrence and escape causes, re-execute the original adverse mechanism and review outputs that depended on the deficient method.

Completion / hold: New satisfactory performance restores only a bounded current capability after independent acceptance; old evidence is not rewritten.

Record contract: the actor records the input baseline, actual work, deviations, result and evidence link; the named receiving function acknowledges access and the permitted next action. A returned or incomplete handover retains the original event history. Use the associated FR modules and RG record links; no document or database field confers actual authority.

E4 Application-specific parameter completion

These are required information groups from Annex AO, not pre-approved engineering limits. For every triggered group, populate actual values or observable attributes before evaluation, with unit, inclusivity, phase/mode, technical derivation, uncertainty/dependence, method version, owner, independent review, authentic approval and change trigger. An absent trigger requires an approved exclusion; an unsupported or missing essential value is HOLD.

P02 – Environment and exposure

Quantity, spatial/temporal boundary, distribution or bound, source/model, uncertainty and coupled effects.

Derivation and evidence: Mission environment baseline and qualified specialist rationale.

Completion test: Selected conditions bound each claimed use; unknown critical mechanisms remain HOLD.

P03 – Requirements and acceptance

Stable ID, owner, characteristic, units, bound inclusivity, predicate, observation and essential-step marker.

Derivation and evidence: Requirement baseline and Annex AL decision rule.

Completion test: Every condition is evaluable before observations are judged.

P05 – Materials and process qualification

Material type/condition, geometry, sources, variables, qualified window, machine/tool state and hidden properties.

Derivation and evidence: Actual representative qualification; lot/build genealogy.

Completion test: All influential variables and required product properties are supported.

P06 – Test article and fixtures

Article pedigree, differences from delivered object, mounting, boundary conditions, operating state and exposure history.

Derivation and evidence: Approved representativeness and cumulative-test analysis.

Completion test: No material difference or prior damage invalidates the intended inference.

P07 – Measurement and uncertainty

Measurand, instrument/range, corrections, sensitivity, covariance, coverage, time/space sampling and calibration.

Derivation and evidence: Complete measurement model; valid raw data.

Completion test: Uncertainty and detection capability are fit for the approved decision rule.

P13 – Contamination and samples

Relevant substances/particles, pathway, limit, method/detection, custody, cleanliness, containment and receiving.

Derivation and evidence: Mission-specific technical/protection basis.

Completion test: Required integrity and scientific cleanliness are demonstrated for the actual sample/use.

P16 – Reliability and availability

Population, exposure, failure definition, observation, dependencies, confidence model, downtime and maintenance exclusions.

Derivation and evidence: Prospective statistical design plus engineering mechanism evidence.

Completion test: The actual demonstrated bound meets the approved claim; zero failures is not zero risk.

P18 – Decision, continuity and terminal duties

Closed findings, reviewer competence, independence, authority, status clocks, final-state criteria, custody and open obligations.

Derivation and evidence: Authenticated decisions and verified terminal/transfer evidence.

Completion test: Every mandatory gate is complete; incomplete or unknown terminal state remains explicit.

E5 All-space applicability and bounded responsibility

The following Annex AK tags are selected because the document can support these responsibilities. Applicability is decided for the actual case. Tags do not expand a family, create an operating permission or place a whole mission inside a supplier's limited scope. Resolve domain, phase, mode, environment and retained duty before accepting a claim.

Domain / source page	Coverage	Required boundary
AK01 / 187 Terrestrial engineering and supply	Design offices, manufacturing, material sources, procurement and integration.	Every delivered characteristic and essential supplier interface is traceable to accepted evidence.
AK02 / 187 Test facilities and technical providers	Environmental, structural, materials, calibration and inspection services, including mobile and remote work.	Actual method competence and valid result evidence are separately demonstrated.
AK03 / 187 Launch sites and spaceports	Site infrastructure, handling, ground services, emergency interfaces and actual permissions.	No site outcome is used as vehicle, launch or mission permission.
AK30 / 194 Ground, communication and navigation services	Mission control, RF/optical links, timing, data processing, relays and PNT support.	Availability, correctness, authority and completion are separately demonstrated.
AK31 / 194 Digital and autonomous space systems	Software, programmable hardware, AI, models, twins and defensive security.	All essential behaviours and prohibited transitions are verified for the actual deployment.
AK32 / 194 Retirement and long-term stewardship	Disposal, passivation governance, loss-of-contact states, records and residual obligations.	Final-state claims are truthful and every unresolved duty has an accepted owner.

E6 Workflow and evidence relationships

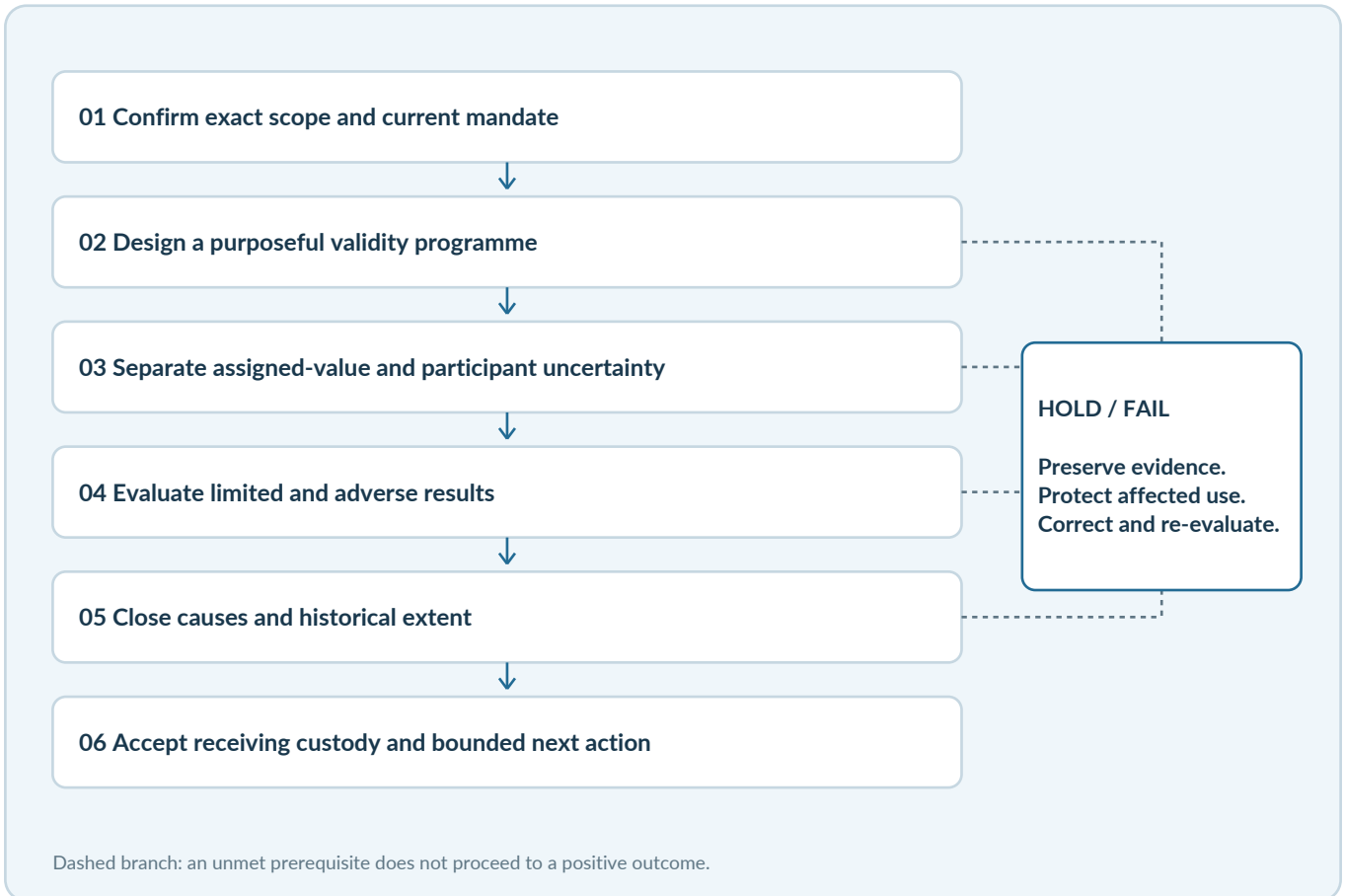
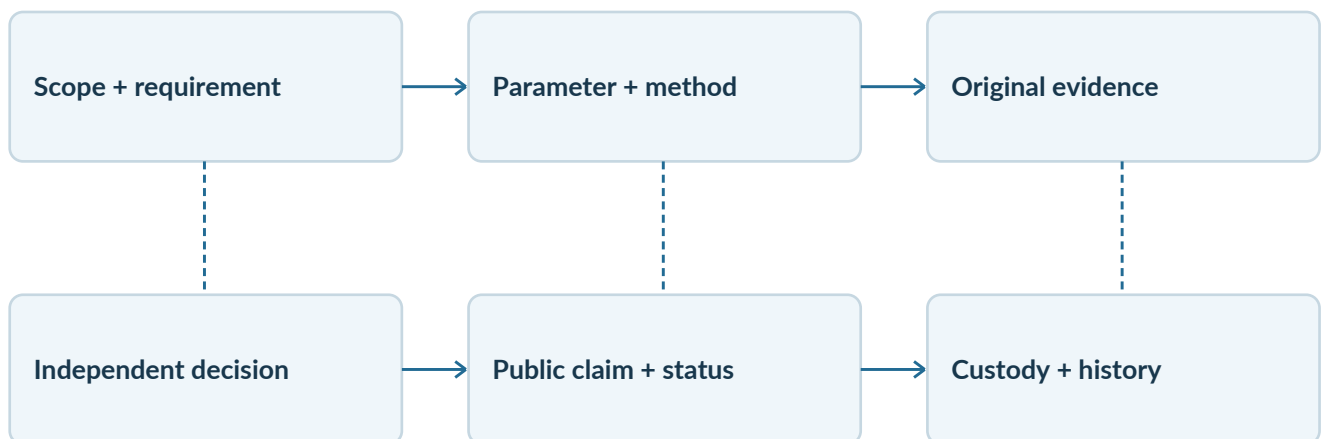


Figure — Implementation sequence for AF-AST-PR-011. Explanatory diagram; the source prerequisites and actual authority remain controlling.



Each relationship carries object identity, controlled version, actual event time and purpose-specific validity.

Figure — Scope-to-custody evidence relationships. A relationship is validated for its decision purpose, not merely because two identifiers exist.

E7 Calculations, assumptions and synthetic charts

The worked calculations below reproduce the supplied standard's Annex AM examples. Charted extensions are newly computed synthetic illustrations of those equations, not measured mission performance or new universal limits. A result is usable only when the actual inputs, model, units, uncertainty and approved application predicate are valid. A successful arithmetic check is not field validation.

AM.Q01 Measurement uncertainty and covariance

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q01, page 200. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$$u_c^2 = \sum (c_i^2 u_i^2) + 2\sum (i < j) (c_i c_j \text{cov}_{ij})$$

$$U = k u_c$$

Variables and units

u_i is a standard uncertainty; c_i is a sensitivity coefficient; cov_{ij} is covariance; k is the justified coverage factor. Variance terms carry squared output units.

Example inputs

Synthetic direct sum: $c_1=c_2=1$; $u_1=0.003$ mm; $u_2=0.004$ mm. First assume independence, then correlation $\rho=0.5$. Illustrative $k=2$.

Calculation and checks

1. Independent variance = $0.003^2 + 0.004^2 = 0.000025$ mm².
2. $u_c = 0.005$ mm; $U = 0.010$ mm for the stated k .
3. Correlated covariance = $0.5 \times 0.003 \times 0.004 = 0.000006$ mm².
4. Correlated variance = $0.000025 + 2 \times 0.000006 = 0.000037$ mm².
5. Correlated $u_c = 0.0060827625303$ mm; $U = 0.0121655250606$ mm.

Decision interpretation: The correlated model produces a larger uncertainty. No PASS/FAIL follows until an approved specification and decision rule are applied.

Validity limits: The linear propagation model requires a valid measurement function and adequate approximation. $k=2$ is not a universal guarantee of 95% coverage. Known bias requires correction or explicitly justified treatment; uncertainty does not conceal missing requirements.

ASTRA connections: 9.4–9.5; Annex G; 62; 77

Standard and expanded uncertainty

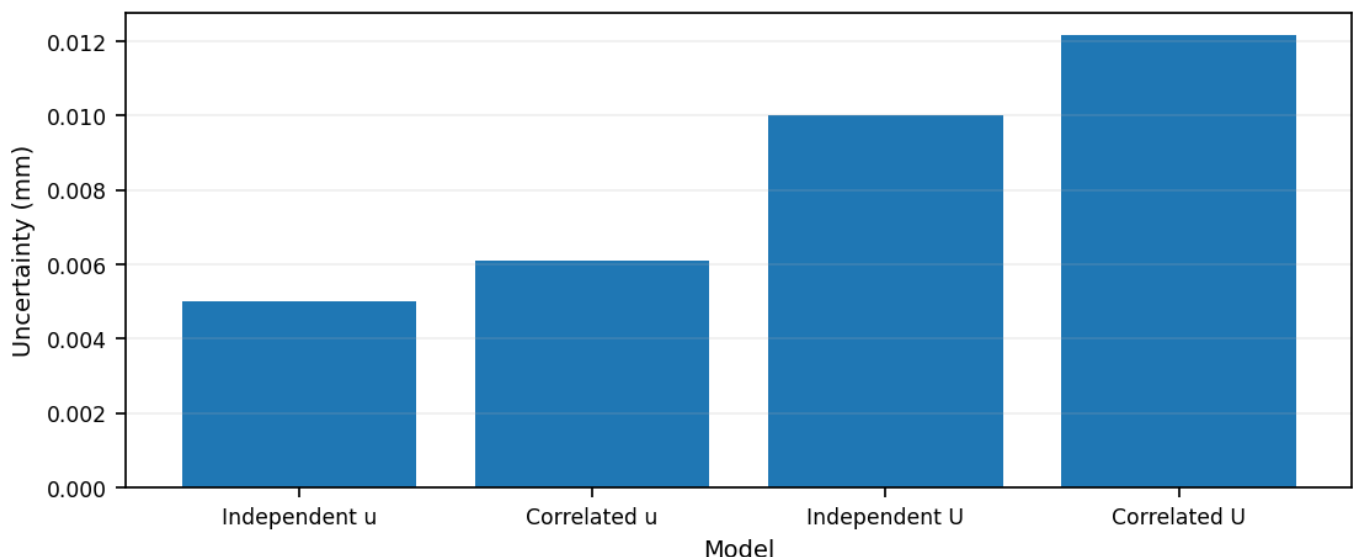


Figure Q01 — Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

AM.Q02 Inclusive limits and four distinct measurement outcomes

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q02, page 201. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

PASS: $y - U \geq L$ AND $y + U \leq H$

FAIL: $y + U < L$ OR $y - U > H$

Otherwise: HOLD; invalid evidence also results in HOLD

Variables and units

L and H are inclusive specification limits; y is a corrected result; U is a non-negative expanded uncertainty with stated coverage.

Example inputs

Synthetic specification [49.970, 50.030] mm; U=0.004 mm. Results y=50.024, 50.028, 50.036 and 50.026 mm.

Calculation and checks

1. $50.024 \pm 0.004 \rightarrow [50.020, 50.028]$ mm: PASS.
2. $50.028 \pm 0.004 \rightarrow [50.024, 50.032]$ mm: HOLD, interval overlaps the upper limit.
3. $50.036 \pm 0.004 \rightarrow [50.032, 50.040]$ mm: FAIL, interval entirely above the limit.
4. $50.026 \pm 0.004 \rightarrow [50.022, 50.030]$ mm: PASS; equality is inside the inclusive upper bound.

Decision interpretation: Neither the overlapping interval nor an invalid run is rounded into acceptance. N/A is an applicability decision, not a measurement outcome.

Validity limits: Use actual endpoints for asymmetric intervals. For an upper-only limit, PASS requires the upper endpoint at or below the limit and FAIL the lower endpoint above it. A coverage interval is not automatically a probability that this particular item conforms.

ASTRA connections: Annex G; 62.3–62.5; 77.6

Inclusive full-interval decisions

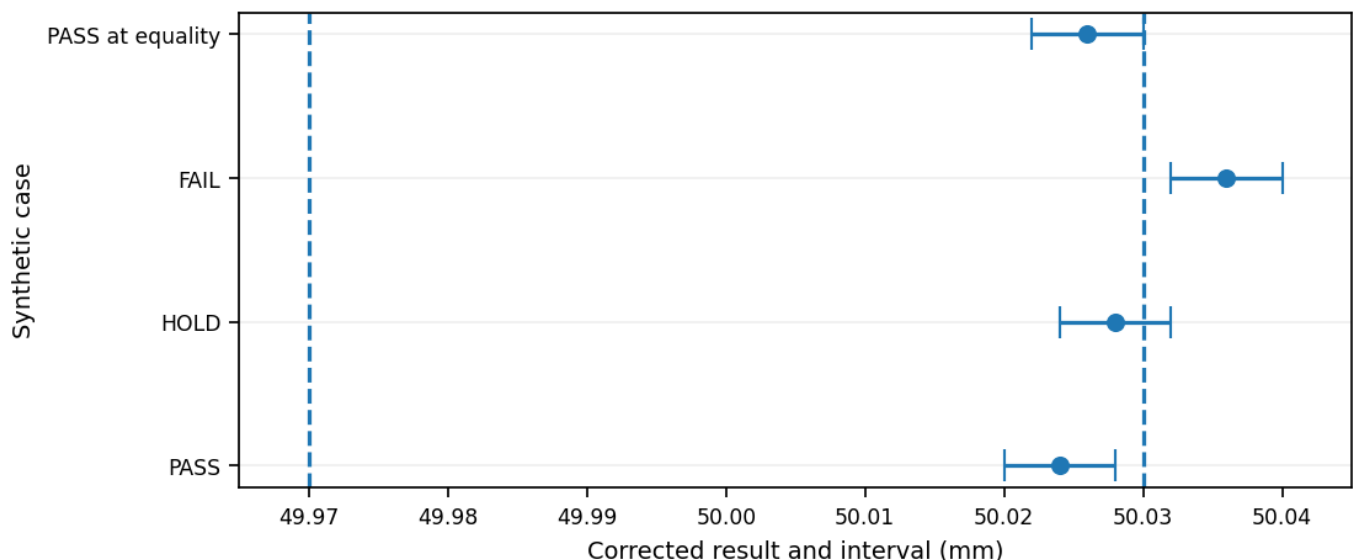


Figure Q02 — Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

AM.Q06 Random detection sample size

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q06, page 205. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$$P(\text{at least one detection}) = 1 - (1-p)^n$$

$$n_{\min} = \text{ceil}[\ln(1-C)/\ln(1-p)]$$

Variables and units

p is a fixed issue probability per independent representative observation; C is the selected target detection probability; n is a positive integer.

Example inputs

Synthetic $p=0.10$ and $C=0.95$.

Calculation and checks

1. $\ln(0.05)/\ln(0.90) = 28.433158\dots$; round upward to $n=29$.

2. $P(\text{detection at } n=29) = 1 - 0.9^{29} = 0.9528987130$.

3. At $n=28$, $P = 0.9476652367$, below the specified target.

Decision interpretation: 29 is the minimum integer sample for the stated independent model; the demonstration does not certify 95% conformity.

Validity limits: This calculation is invalid for unexamined dependence, changing p , biased selection or a judgemental sample represented as random. Detection is also conditional on an effective observation method.

ASTRA connections: 9.3; Annex F.5; 55.3

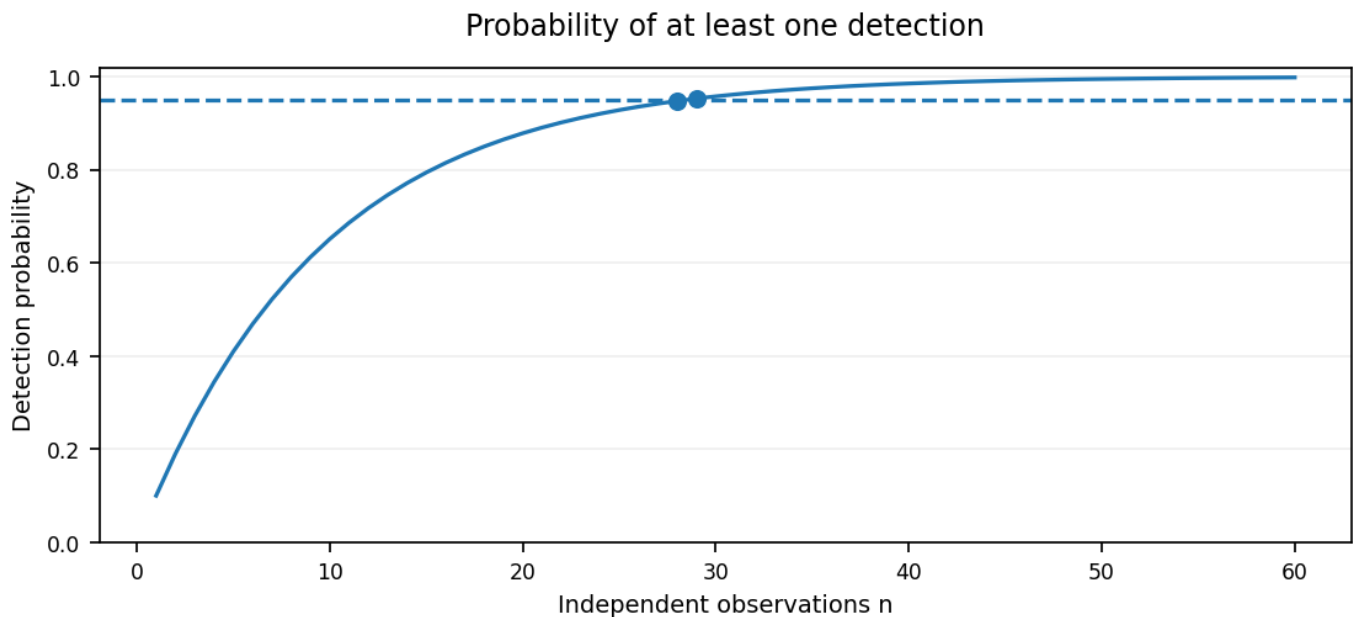


Figure Q06 – Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

AM.Q07 Zero observed failures and an exact binomial bound

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q07, page 206. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$$p_{\text{upper}} = 1 - \alpha^{(1/n)}$$

$$n_{\min} = \text{ceil}[\ln(\alpha)/\ln(1-p_{\text{target}})]$$

Variables and units

$\alpha=1$ -confidence; n is a prospectively fixed number of independent comparable binary trials; all n trials have zero observed failures.

Example inputs

Synthetic one-sided confidence 95%, so $\alpha=0.05$. Examine $n=30$ and a target upper failure probability of 0.01.

Calculation and checks

1. For $n=30$: $p_{\text{upper}} = 1 - 0.05^{(1/30)} = 0.095033853 = 9.5033853\%$.

2. For $p_{\text{target}}=0.01$: $\text{ceil}[\ln(0.05)/\ln(0.99)] = 299$.

3. For $n=299$: $p_{\text{upper}} \approx 0.0099691468$, below 1%.

Decision interpretation: Thirty successful trials do not demonstrate a failure probability below 1%. Under the specified model, 299 all-success trials are needed for that particular bound.

Validity limits: A statistical upper confidence bound is not proof of zero risk or total system safety. Nonrepresentative trials, changing configuration, adaptive stopping or unmodelled common causes invalidate this simple inference.

ASTRA connections: 55.1–55.3; 62; 77

Zero failures: one-sided 95% binomial bound

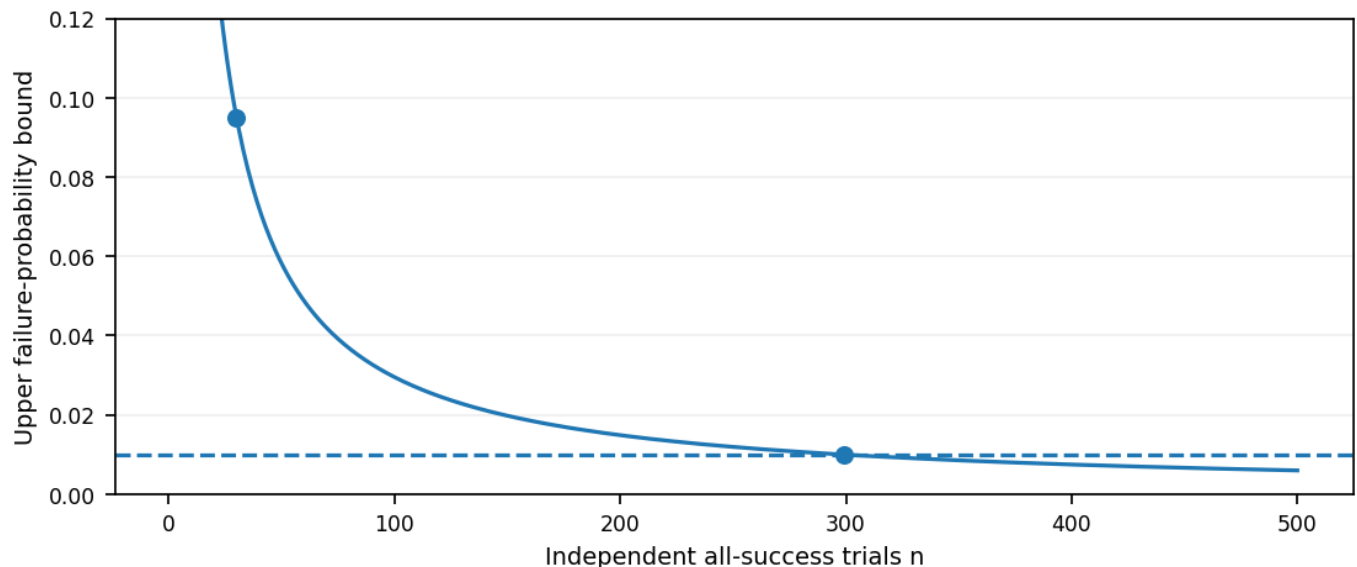


Figure Q07 – Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

AM.Q08 No failures during exposure: exponential bound

Source: ASTRA Annex AM, Q08, page 207. All numerical inputs in this example are synthetic.

$$\lambda_{\text{upper}} = -\ln(\alpha)/T$$

$$\text{MTBF}_{\text{lower}} = T/[-\ln(\alpha)]$$

Variables and units

T is total comparable exposure time under a justified constant-rate model; $\alpha=1$ -confidence; no failures occur. λ has reciprocal-time units.

Example inputs

Synthetic $T=800$ operating hours; one-sided confidence=95%, $\alpha=0.05$.

Calculation and checks

1. $-\ln(0.05) = 2.9957322736$.

2. $\lambda_{upper} = 2.9957322736/800 = 0.003744665342 \text{ h}^{-1}$.

3. $MTBF_{lower} = 800/2.9957322736 = 267.0465606 \text{ h}$.

Decision interpretation: The observed zero-failure record supports only the stated model-based lower bound, not infinite mean life.

Validity limits: Ageing, wear-out, maintenance quality, heterogeneity and common causes may violate the constant-rate assumption. MTBF is not a guaranteed individual life and does not extend a mandatory life limit.

ASTRA connections: 55; 79

Zero failures: constant-rate model bound

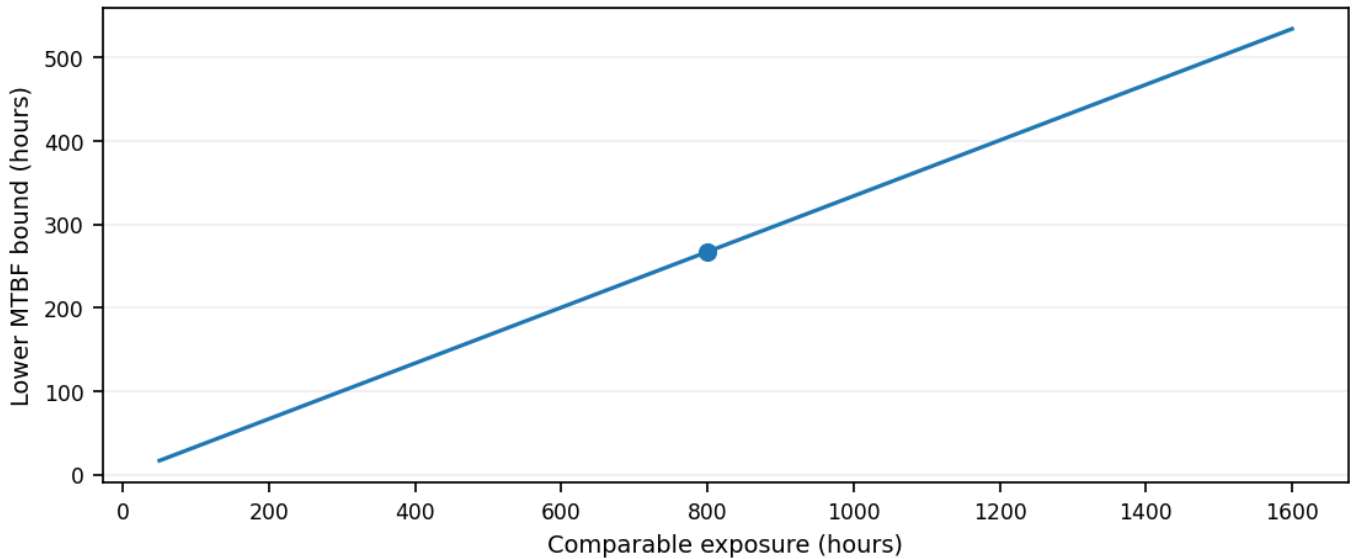


Figure Q08 — Synthetic visualisation. The axes and stated scenario define the quantity; no graph is an accreditation score, approved operating envelope or evidence of a real mission.

Local replay record: retain the actual input manifest, source versions, calculation version, unit checks, independent recomputation, expected/observed boundary results, limitations and decision authority. Do not overwrite the teaching inputs as though they were operational data.

E8 Adverse cases and independent replay

Challenge	Expected handling	Evidence retained
PR-011: Design a purposeful validity programme — required basis missing	Participation alone is not satisfactory performance or demonstrated detection capability.	Original input, unresolved value, affected requirement and scope; named action owner.
PR-011: Close causes and historical extent — handover or review incomplete	New satisfactory performance restores only a bounded current capability after independent acceptance; old evidence is not rewritten.	Expected and observed state; independent replay; correction/retest; receiving acknowledgement.

Before local reliance, also select every relevant AP01–AP48 challenge in the core. Keep fictional tests isolated from live credentials, commands and recipients. For each test define the requirement, precondition, expected response, execution steps, actual observations, evidence, defect consequence, correction, retest and acceptance. This publication supplies test designs and examples, not completed local validation records.

Appendix A – Controlling source requirements

The following text is reproduced from the supplied ASTRA FIRST EDITION. The clause identifier and page refer to that 248-page source. These excerpts and their evidence fields must be read with all triggered normative annexes. Newly authored implementation steps elsewhere in this document do not amend the core standard.

9.2 – Verification and validation

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 19.

Verify established methods in the actual implementation. Validate new, non-standard or materially modified methods for the intended use, addressing relevant bias, precision, selectivity, sensitivity, range, robustness and uncertainty. Establish acceptance criteria before validation data are assessed. Retain failed trials and restrictions. Method transfer between sites, instruments, software or personnel requires evidence that material performance remains valid; a shared procedure number does not demonstrate successful transfer.

Required evidence: Validation/verification plan; raw results; acceptance analysis; transfer and limitation records.

9.6 – Continuing validity and comparisons

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 20.

Maintain a planned programme of internal controls and independent or interlaboratory comparison appropriate to each significant technical field. Participation alone is not satisfactory performance. Investigate adverse results, assign causes and assess prior reports. Where a suitable comparison is unavailable or impracticable, approve a technically justified alternative with evidence of challenge and limitations; lack of participation opportunity shall not be described as external proof of competence. Review coverage as methods and volumes change.

Required evidence: Validity-monitoring plan; comparison results; justified alternatives; adverse-result actions.

19.3 – Method performance and detection

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 32.

Demonstrate method suitability for relevant defect mechanisms or measurands, specimen preparation, surfaces, geometry, matrix effects, interference, access and environmental conditions. For qualitative inspection, evaluate false-positive and false-negative behaviour where material. Detection capability shall be tied to technique, task, equipment and person. A successful reference check on an easy artefact shall not prove the ability to detect every relevant defect in an installed structure.

Required evidence: Method validation; challenge specimens; detection limitations; authorised interpretation.

19.6 – Calibration and reference capability

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 32.

Calibration shall report the actual quantity, range, method, conditions, result, corrections and uncertainty with suitable traceability. Scope capability shall be supported by a technically complete uncertainty budget and demonstrated implementation. Where an external calibration supports another method, verify that its uncertainty and range are sufficient for the intended use. A scope schedule shall not advertise a smaller uncertainty than the body can actually achieve under the stated conditions.

Required evidence: Calibration scope; uncertainty evidence; reference chain; demonstrated capability.

19.10 – Comparisons and validity programme

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 33.

For each significant technical field, define risk-based reference checks, blind or duplicate work, comparison participation and other validity controls. Before granting a new scope, examine available satisfactory comparison evidence or an independently accepted alternative that directly challenges the claimed ability. No arbitrary score shall compensate for unresolved poor performance. Record investigation, affected historical work and successful corrective verification. Programme enrolment alone shall not be counted as a satisfactory result.

Required evidence: Validity coverage map; comparison/alternative results; investigations; restored capability.

19.11 – Nonconforming laboratory or inspection work

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 33.

A designated person shall evaluate the significance of nonconforming work, stop or restrict it, assess prior results, notify affected clients where necessary and authorise resumption only after correction is demonstrated. The response shall address method, equipment, personnel, environment and data mechanisms. A corrected report shall identify what changed and why. Do not erase an adverse report merely because a new sample gives a better result.

Required evidence: Nonconforming-work record; prior-report assessment; amended reports; resumption authority.

25.6 – Proficiency and reference-material activities

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 43.

A body organising proficiency exercises or producing reference material requires a separately released technical profile. That profile shall cover competence, planning, assigned values or property characterisation, homogeneity/stability, uncertainty, participant/sample confidentiality, statistical methods, reporting and validity. These functions shall not be inferred from ordinary laboratory accreditation. Until the specialised profile and witnesses are complete, the catalogue shall show the requested activity as development, not granted scope.

Required evidence: Dedicated profile; characterisation/statistical basis; valid specialised witnessing; bounded status.

62.3 – Evidence validity before conformity

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 88.

The evaluator shall first determine whether evidence belongs to the correct object, configuration, period, method and authorised performer and whether it is usable for the intended inference. Only valid relevant evidence shall enter a conformity predicate. Rejected, corrupted, missing, unobservable or wrong-version evidence shall remain identified. Evidence may be valid and show failure; an invalid test is not a valid pass or a valid proof of product failure.

Verification: Check provenance, configuration, method capability, original data and uncertainty separately from result classification.

Acceptance / hold rule: Validity is established before PASS or FAIL is assigned; otherwise use HOLD with an explicit invalidity or evidence-gap reason.

64.5 – Heritage and similarity

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 92.

A heritage argument shall compare actual design, materials, manufacturing source, mission exposure, software, interfaces and life history. Identify unchanged evidence, invalidated evidence and new demonstration. Successful service of a related design shall be accepted only for characteristics and mechanisms it actually supports. Lack of a recorded failure shall not prove performance of an unmonitored critical characteristic.

Verification: Review a difference matrix and trace each retained conclusion to applicable original evidence.

Acceptance / hold rule: Every material difference has a technical disposition and sufficient evidence before the new claim is accepted.

77.2 – Campaign design and article pedigree

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 118.

Define qualification articles, flight or service articles, specimens, representative differences, prior exposure, fixtures, operating modes and cumulative test sequence. Identify which conclusions may be transferred between articles and why. Failed tests, repairs and substitutions shall remain in the same historical chain.

Verification: Review specimen-to-product and test-to-configuration equivalence records.

Acceptance / hold rule: All material differences and accumulated effects are evaluated before evidence reuse; unrepresentative essential evidence is not accepted.

77.5 – Original data and invalid tests

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 118.

Retain actual setup, input and response histories, environmental conditions, interruptions, alarms, raw files, corrections, uncertainty and validity classification. An invalid run shall state what evidence remains usable and which requirement is not demonstrated. A repaired or changed article shall not silently replace the originally failed configuration.

Verification: Reconstruct a selected run from raw data and contemporaneous records.

Acceptance / hold rule: The run is independently interpretable and no failed, invalid or missing evidence is concealed.

77.7 – Retest and corrective verification

Source: AF-AST-STD-001, page 119.

Retest shall follow an approved rationale, defined scope and representative configuration. It shall preserve the original failure and address causal, exposure and selection effects. Repeated trials until a pass occurs are not an acceptance strategy. Corrective verification shall include the original failure mode and relevant regression, not merely a new favourable measurement.

Verification: Review the retest authorisation, all attempts and failure-to-correction trace.

Acceptance / hold rule: The original deficiency and affected requirements are demonstrably resolved; otherwise the claim remains failed or held.

Appendix B — Local adoption, validation and receiving acceptance

Gate	Required evidence	Outcome when incomplete
Authority and identity	Actual operator, scoped mandate, permissible result class, named owner, independent decision and remedy functions.	No live scope release.
Requirement population	All applicable clauses and annexes mapped to child conditions, with reasons and independent approval for exclusions.	HOLD the affected conclusion.
Parameters and methods	Prospective values/attributes; technical basis; valid methods; representativeness; calibration, uncertainty and approved predicates.	No dependent acceptance.
People and evidence	Current demonstrated competence; conflict clearance; original usable source evidence; actual configuration and event times.	Reassign or obtain sufficient evidence.
Local tools and tests	Actual deployment tested with positive, boundary, missing, invalid and prohibited inputs; original failed cases retested.	No consequential reliance on unaccepted tools.
Independent closure	Every mandatory requirement PASS, approved N/A, all in-scope nonconformities verified closed, panel rules where required.	No grant, renewal or extension.
Claims and continuity	Decision-linked scope/status; source history; genuine custody, receiving access, retention, urgent notices and terminal duties.	Restrict publication or transfer until resolved.

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