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NATIONAL AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE CONTRACTORS
ACCREDITATION PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS FOR LASER WELDING

1. SCOPE

This Aerospace Standard (AS) is to be used to supplement AS7110. In addition to the requirements contained in AS7110, the requirements contained herein shall apply to suppliers seeking NADCAP accreditation for laser welding.

2. REFERENCES

2.1 SAE Publications

AS7110 National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) - Requirements for Welding / Brazing.

3. REFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Applicable customer specifications shall be available at the facility.

4. MATERIALS/MATERIAL CONTROL

4.1 The surfaces of parts to be welded shall be free from objectionable films such as heavy oxides, scale, ink, grease, dirt, or other substances or surface conditions detrimental to the welding processes.

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5. EQUIPMENT CONTROL

5.1 Welding equipment shall meet the customer's requirements.

6. QUALIFICATION OF OPERATORS/EQUIPMENT/PROCEDURES/SCHEDULES

6.1 Welding procedure qualification records shall be maintained in accordance with applicable customer specifications.

6.2 Operators shall be qualified on each type of equipment they operate to customer specification requirements and test records/results shall be available for each operator.

6.3 Laser equipment qualification shall be performed to customer requirements.

6.4 Qualification records/results shall be available for each laser machine.

6.5 Operators shall have eye exams to verify adequacy of vision, as required by the customer.

7. PROCESS CONTROL

7.1 The supplier shall have a quality plan that defines method and verification for all applicable blueprint requirements.

7.2 The router shall list the sequence of operations that document manufacturing, acceptance, and process operations.

7.3 There shall be detailed operation sheets per part number with parameter settings (laser schedule).

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- 7.4 There shall be a procedure or controls in place to address the following:
- a. Laser equipment
 - b. Gages
 - c. Dimensional requirements of the process
 - d. Laser safety
 - e. Laser welding procedures
 - f. Laboratory analysis and its frequency to prove continuing conformance to engineering limits.
- 7.5 Laboratory reports shall be traceable to parameter settings on operation sheets (laser schedule).
- 7.6 Laboratory analysis reports shall be documented and held on file for customer review as proof of conformance that welded parts are within engineering limits.
- 7.7 When required, meters and gages shall be calibrated and appropriately identified.
- 7.8 Equipment not requiring calibration will be so identified.

8. PROCEDURES

- 8.1 Operation sheets shall be available and used by the operator.
- 8.2 Weld sketches shall be used to describe the welding process.
- 8.3 Machine "settings" shall be available in procedure/laser schedule.
- 8.4 Operators shall check their work prior to releasing the part to the next operation.
- 8.5 Each part shall be visually checked for conformance.
- 8.6 Procedures/instructions shall be legible, understandable and logical.
- 8.7 Written procedures shall be available for rework and are records maintained.
- 8.8 All parts being welded shall fall into the weld classes for which the supplier and operators are approved.

9. PROCESS TESTING/QUALIFICATION

9.1 Test parts of the same material, geometry, surface preparation, and heat treat condition shall be used for:

- a. Proving the process dimensional capability
- b. Destructive test to verify metallographic integrity
- c. Nondestructive tests as required by drawing

9.2 Welding conditions shall be qualified by test welding.

10. FILLER MATERIAL VERIFICATION

10.1 Chemical composition certification of conformance or equivalent shall be available.

10.2 Particle size distribution per specification shall be verified.

10.3 Laser weldability test shall be performed on powder, if required by customer.

11. OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

11.1 Each operator shall have a stamp or identification number for traceability.

12. PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

12.1 Written procedures shall require preventive maintenance of equipment and tooling at a specified frequency.

12.2 Records shall indicate that maintenance is performed on equipment and tooling in accordance with the procedures and appropriate standards.