

QUALITY REMARK: AEPD  
REQUIREMENT 244

THE SELLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMING CHARACTERISTIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND VERIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUALITY SPECIFICATION S1002, CHAPTER 1. THIS WILL BE COMPLETED AND GE APPROVAL OBTAINED PRIOR TO INITIAL SHIPMENT. THE PURCHASER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITNESS THE SUPPLIER'S INSPECTIONS AND/OR TESTS TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF CONFORMANCE. FOR DRAWINGS CREATED UTILIZING UNIGRAPHICS WITH ISSUE DATE OF 1996 OR AFTER, GEAE HAS GENERATED A BALLOONED DRAWING AND SPREADSHEET LISTING WHICH IDENTIFIES AND CONTAINS ACCOUNTABLE CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE PART. WHEN THESE DOCUMENTS EXIST (APPROXIMATELY 98% OF ALL NEW DRAWINGS), IT IS MANDATORY THAT THEY BE USED FOR CHARACTERISTIC ACCOUNTABILITY PER S1002. CONTACT GEAE SOURCING TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

THIS REQUIREMENT IS INITIALLY WAIVED IF THE SELLER HAS AN APPROVED FIRST ARTICLE/CHARACTERISTIC ACCOUNTABILITY PACKAGE ON FILE FOR THE PART NUMBER CONFIGURATION (REVISION LETTER) REFLECTED IN THIS PURCHASE ORDER AND THE PART NUMBER HAS BEEN PRODUCED WITHIN THE PAST 18 MONTH PERIOD. A REPEAT FIRST ARTICLE INSPECTION (FAI) IS REQUIRED DURING THE CONTRACT IF THE PART NUMBER HAS NOT BEEN WITHIN ANY 18 MONTHS PERIOD. ANY OTHER EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT MUST BE DOCUMENTED IN WRITING AND APPROVED BY THE RESPONSIBLE GEAE QUALITY REPRESENTATIVE.

EVALUATION SHALL BE REPEATED FOR ALL POSSIBLY AFFECTED CHARACTERISTICS AFTER ANY PROCESS OR DESIGN CHANGE INTRODUCTION. A PROCESS CHANGE IS DEFINED AS ANY CHANGE THAT COULD IMPACT THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FAI RESULTS. DESIGN CHANGES WHERE CHARACTERISTIC TOLERANCES ARE INCREASED ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS REQUIREMENT, UNLESS THE TOLERANCE CHANGE RESULTS IN A CHANGE IN MANUFACTURING WHICH COULD IMPACT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FAI RESULTS. TO SPEED THE CHARACTERISTIC ACCOUNTABILITY/FIRST ARTICLE PROCESS AND TO PROVIDE GREATER CONSISTENCY, MOST SPECIFICATIONS (BOTH GE AND OTHER) HAVE BEEN BALLOONED TO IDENTIFY ACCOUNTABLE CHARACTERISTICS. THESE ARE AVAILABLE FROM GE SOURCING AND MUST BE USED WHEN AVAILABLE.

FIRST ARTICLE INSPECTION PACKAGES AS DEFINED BY S1002, CHAPTER 1 MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASER PRIOR TO THE FIRST SHIPMENT. IF THIS PART, ASSEMBLY OR KIT CONTAINS A PART(S) WHICH REQUIRES SOURCE SUBSTANTIATION (SS), THE SELLER MUST FILE EVIDENCE OF SS APPROVAL IN THE FIRST ARTICLE/CHARACTERISTIC ACCOUNTABILITY PACKAGE. THE SUPPLIER MUST NOT SHIP ANY SUCH MATERIAL UNTIL SS APPROVAL IS OBTAINED OR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE PURCHASER AUTHORIZES SHIPMENT OF THE UNAPPROVED PART. A COPY OF PURCHASER APPROVED DATA AS DEFINED BY S1002, CHAPTER 1 SHALL BE HELD ON FILE BY SELLER AND SHALL BE FURNISHED UPON REQUEST FROM THE PURCHASER.

THE SELLER SHALL CONDUCT PLANNING VALIDATION PROCESS (PVP) FOR ANY NEW DRAWING NUMBER. CONTACT YOUR GEAE PRODUCT QUALITY ENGINEER (PQE) FOR IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS. THE SELLER SHALL ALSO CONDUCT PVP FOR ANY EXISTING PART NUMBER(S) SELECTED BY YOUR PQE. THE SELLER SHALL PERFORM PVP FOR MARKING WHENEVER THE P OR G NUMBER CHANGES. SEE QUALITY SPECIFICATION S1002, CHAPTER V WHICH DESCRIBES PVP REQUIREMENTS.