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Verification

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1 Scope

This Standard establishes the requirements for the verification of a space system product.

It defines the fundamental concepts of the verification process, the criteria for defining the verification strategy and specifies the requirements for the implementation of the verification programme. It includes also the list of the expected documentation (i.e. Document requirements definitions, DRDs).

This Standard is intended to apply to different products at different levels from a single equipment to the overall system (including space segment hardware and software, ground segment, launchers and transportation systems, Verification tools and GSE).

Discipline related verification aspects are complemented in Standards specific to those disciplines.

Detailed requirements for Testing are covered in the ECSS E-ST-10-03.

This standard does not specifically address Validation of space products as a separate process, since product Verification is performed against requirements that also address the suitability of the product to fulfil the needs of its intended use. As such, Validation is achieved through the Verification process provided adequate requirements are placed on the product.

It is recognised that testing and analysis occur during the product development process, but they are not addressed by this standard as they are not formal requirement verification activities in the sense of the customer-supplier relationship.

The guidelines on verification are provided in the associated handbook ECSS-E-HB-10-02A.

The requirements on the systems engineering process are gathered in ECSS-E-ST-10 "System Engineering"; specific aspects of the SE process are further elaborated in dedicated standards, in particular: ECSS-E-ST-10-06 "Technical Specification", ECSS-E-ST-10-02 "Verification" (the present standard), and ECSS-E-ST-10-03 "Testing". These standards are based on the same principles, process and documentation model.

The applicability of each these standards can therefore not be considered in isolation from the others

This standard may be tailored for the specific characteristic and constrains of a space project in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00.

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Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this ECSS Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revision of any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this ECSS Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the more recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

ECSS-S-ST-00-01	ECSS system – Glossary of terms.
ECSS-E-ST-10	Space engineering – System engineering general requirements
ECSS-E-ST-10-03	Space engineering – Testing
ECSS-M-ST-10	Space project management – Project planning and implementation
ECSS-Q-ST-10-09	Space product assurance – Nonconformance control system
ECSS-Q-ST-20	Space product assurance – Quality assurance.

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Terms and definitions

3.1 Terms from other standards

For the purpose of this Standard, the terms and definitions from ECSS-ST-00-01 apply, in particular for the following terms:

validation

verification

3.2 Terms specific to the present standard

3.2.1 acceptance stage

verification stage with the objective of demonstrating that the product is free of workmanship defects, is in accordance with the qualified design and is ready for its intended use

3.2.2 analysis

verification method performing a theoretical or empirical evaluation using techniques agreed with the Customer

NOTE The selected techniques can typically include statistics, qualitative design analysis, modelling and computer simulation.

3.2.3 commissioning

verification and validation activities conducted after the launch and before the entry in operational service either on the space elements only or on the overall system (including the ground elements)

3.2.4 in-orbit stage

verification stage valid for projects for which in-orbit verification is performed, including the commissioning and verification activities which are delayed because the activation of a space element is performed later during the mission

NOTE For example, interplanetary mission, lander.

3.2.5 inspection

verification method by visual determination of physical characteristics

NOTE 1 Product characteristics include constructional features, hardware conformance to document drawing or workmanship requirements, physical conditions, software source code conformance with coding standards

NOTE 2 See also ECSS-S-ST-00-01.

3.2.6 model philosophy

definition of the optimum number and the characteristics of physical models required to achieve confidence in the product verification with the shortest planning and a suitable weighting of costs and risks

3.2.7 post-landing stage

verification stage valid for projects for which post-landing verification is performed

NOTE For example, multimission projects.

3.2.8 pre-launch stage

verification stage with the objective to verify that the flight article is properly configured for launch and capable of functioning as planned for launch

3.2.9 qualification stage

verification stage with the objective to demonstrate that the design fulfils the applicable requirements including margins

3.2.10 review-of-design

verification method using approved records or evidence that unambiguously show that the requirement is met

Example design documents, design reports, technical descriptions, engineering drawings

3.2.11 test

verification method by measurement of product performance and functions under representative simulated environments

NOTE See also ECSS-S-ST-00-01.

3.2.12 Verification Control Board (VCB)

board composed of customer and supplier representatives that monitors the verification process and assesses the requirements verification close-out.

3.2.13 verification level

product architectural level at which the relevant verification is performed

3.3 Abbreviated terms

For the purpose of this Standard, the abbreviated terms from ECSS-S-ST-00-01 and the following apply:

Abbreviation	Meaning
AIT	assembly, integration and test
AITP	assembly, integration and test plan
AIV	assembly, integration and verification
AIVP	assembly, integration and verification plan
AR	acceptance review
ARPT	analysis report
CDR	critical design review
CRR	commissioning result review
CP	commissioning plan
DRD	document requirements definition
ECSS	European Cooperation for Space Standardization
EEE	electronic electrical and electromechanical
EIDP	end item data package
EMC	electromagnetic compatibility
FRR	flight readiness review
GSE	ground support equipment
H/W	hardware
I/F	interface
IRPT	inspection report
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
LRR	launch readiness review
NCR	nonconformance report
NRB	nonconformance review board
ORR	operation readiness review
P/L	payload
PDR	preliminary design review
PRR	preliminary requirement review
PTR	post test review
QA	quality assurance
QR	qualification review
RFW	request for waiver
ROD	review of design

RRPT	review of design report
S/C	spacecraft
S/W	software
SRR	system requirements review
SVF	software validation facility
TPRO	test procedure
TRPT	test report
TRR	test readiness review
TSPE	test specification
VCB	verification control board
VCD	verification control document
VP	verification plan
VRPT	verification report

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Verification principles

4.1 Verification process

4.1.1 Verification objectives

The overall objective of verification is to demonstrate, through a dedicated process, that the deliverable product meets the specified requirements.

A satisfactory completion of the verification process is the basis for a contractual acceptance (as defined in ECSS-S-ST-00-01) of the product by the Customer.

The objectives of the Verification process are as follows:

- to demonstrate the qualification of design and performance, as meeting the specified requirements at the specified levels;
- to ensure that the product is in agreement with the qualified design, is free from workmanship defects and acceptable for use;
- to confirm product integrity and performance at particular steps of the project life cycle (e.g. launch, commissioning, mission events and landing).
- to confirm that the overall system (including tools, procedures and resources) is able to fulfil mission requirements;

4.1.2 Verification activities

The verification process activities consist of planning, execution, reporting, control and closeout as summarized in Figure 4-1.

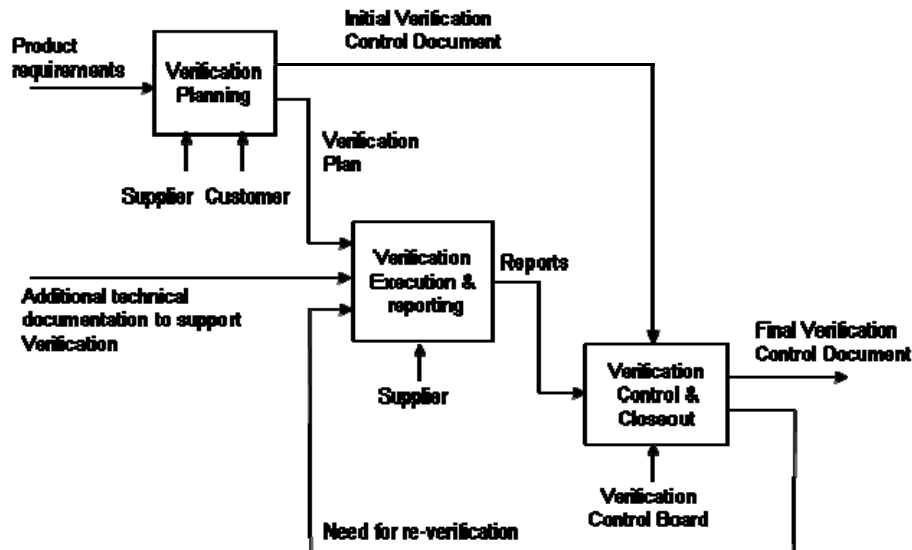


Figure 4-1: Verification process and activities

4.1.3 Verification documentation

The verification process and its implementation activities are documented by means of a specific set of verification documents.

- Verification plan (VP), see clause 5.2.8.1.
- Assembly, integration and test (AIT) plan, see ECSS-E-ST-10-03.

NOTE The Verification Plan and the AIT Plan can be combined in one single AIV Plan (i.e. in this case VP and AIT plans do not exist anymore as single entities).

- Verification control document (VCD), see clauses 5.2.8.2 and 5.4.4.1.
- Test specification (TSPE), see ECSS-E-ST-10-03.
- Test procedure (TPRO), see ECSS-E-ST-10-03.
- Test report (TRPT), see ECSS-E-ST-10-03, and clause 5.3.2.1 of the present standard.
- Analysis report (ARPT), see ECSS-E-ST-10, and clause 5.3.2.2 of the present standard.
- Review of design report (RRPT), see clause 5.3.2.3.
- Inspection report (IRPT), see clause 5.3.2.4.
- Verification report (VRPT), see clause 5.3.2.5.

4.2 Verification planning

4.2.1 Verification approach

To reach the verification objectives the verification approach is established in early phases of a project by analyzing the requirements to be verified, taking into account:

- design peculiarities and constraints,
- qualification status of candidate solutions (product category),
- availability and maturity of verification tools,
- verification (including test) methodologies,
- ground segment and in orbit constraints for the in-orbit stage (including commissioning),
- programmatic constraints, and
- cost and schedule.

In generating the verification approach, the supplier conducts the following steps:

- Identify “*what*” are the products and requirements subject of the verification process;
- Identify “*How*” to verify them by considering the methods stated in the technical specification
- Identify “*When*” to implement by applying the chosen verification strategy.

These steps are generally conducted in an iterative process based on technical, cost and schedule considerations, ensuring that the approach is agreed by both the supplier and the customer.

4.2.2 Verification methods

The verification is executed by one or more of the following verification methods: test, analysis, review of design and inspection. This list shows the order of precedence that, in general, provides more confidence in the results.

4.2.3 Verification levels

The verification is performed incrementally at different product decomposition levels. The number and type of verification levels depends upon the complexity of the project and on its characteristics.

The usual verification levels for a space product are equipment, subsystem, element, segment and overall system.

4.2.4 Verification stages

The verification process is implemented in subsequent verification stages along the project life cycle.

The stages depend upon project characteristics and identify a type of verification. The verification stages are qualification, acceptance, pre-launch, in-orbit (including commissioning) and post-landing.

4.2.5 Model philosophy

The verification by test is implemented on the selected models chosen for the project.

Model philosophy is defined by means of an iterative process which combines programmatic constraints, verification strategies and the integration and test programme, taking into account the development status of the candidate design solution.

4.2.6 Verification tools

The verification tools to be used to perform verification activities are identified and their procurement and utilisation planned. The extent to which the tools are themselves subjected to formal verification depends upon their role.

4.3 Verification execution and reporting

The verification process activities are incrementally performed at different product decomposition levels and in different stages, applying a coherent bottom-up strategy and utilizing a suitable combination of different verification methods.

In particular the verification by test is carried-out on different physical models in agreement with the selected model philosophy.

4.4 Verification control and closeout

The verification process is monitored in its execution by the Verification Control Board (see 5.4.2) and confirmed completed when, based on objective evidence, the VCD deems the product as verified against the identified requirements and the associated verification objectives. This has to be finally confirmed by the customer.

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Verification requirements

5.1 Verification process

- a. The verification process shall demonstrate that the deliverable product meets the specified customer requirements and is capable of sustaining its operational role through:
 - 1. Verification planning;
 - 2. Verification execution and reporting;
 - 3. Verification control and close-out.

5.2 Verification planning

5.2.1 Verification approach

- a. The customer shall define the project requirements, verification objectives and constraints affecting the supplier verification process.

NOTE For example, ground segment characteristics, launch service, envisaged end to end tests involving several suppliers. The usual general objectives are listed in clause 4.1.1 "Verification objectives".

- b. The requirements specified in 5.2.2.1a shall always include those of the technical specification.
- c. The supplier shall define the verification approach by conducting the following steps:
 - 1. Identify and agree with the customer the set of requirements to be subject of the verification process.
 - 2. Select the methods and levels of verification, associated model philosophy and verification tools.
 - 3. Identify the stages and events in which the verification is implemented.
- d. The verification approach shall be defined by the supplier in the Verification Plan (VP) for approval by the customer prior to implementation.

- e. For each requirement to be verified, the verification strategy shall be defined in terms of the combination of the selected verification methods for the different verification levels at the applicable verification stages, in the initial issue of the Verification Control Document (VCD) also called verification matrix (see Annex B), for approval by the customer.

5.2.2 Verification methods

5.2.2.1 General

- a. Verification shall be accomplished by one or more of the following verification methods:
 1. test (including demonstration);
 2. analysis (including similarity);
 3. review-of-design;
 4. inspection.
- b. All safety critical functions shall be verified by test.
- c. Verification of software shall include testing in the target hardware environment.
- d. For each requirement verified only by analysis or review-of-design, a risk assessment (part of the VP) shall be conducted to determine the level (major/minor) of the impact of this requirement on the mission.
- e. If the impact of the requirement is major, a risk mitigation plan (part of the VP) shall be defined which includes a cross check based on two independent analyses (in terms of model used and suppliers).

5.2.2.2 Test

- a. Verification by test shall consist of measuring product performance and functions under representative simulated environments.
- b. The analysis of data derived from testing shall be an integral part of the test and the results included in the test report.
- c. When the test objectives include the demonstration of qualitative operational performance, the execution shall be observed and results recorded.
- d. A test programme shall be prepared for each product in conformance with ECSS-E-ST-10-03.
- e. The test programme shall be coordinated with the integration flow.
- f. Tests performed as part of the integration flow to check quality and status of the in-progress configuration (including interfaces), having a formal verification purpose, shall be included in the test programme.
- g. The test programme shall be defined in the Assembly, Integration and Test plan (AITP).

5.2.2.3 Analysis

- a. Verification by analysis shall consist of performing theoretical or empirical evaluation using techniques agreed with the Customer.

NOTE Techniques comprise systematic, statistical and qualitative design analysis, modelling and computational simulation.

- b. Verification by similarity shall be part of the verification by analysis.
- c. Similarity analysis shall provide evidence that an already qualified product fulfils the following criteria:
 1. The already qualified product was not qualified by similarity.
 2. The product to be verified belongs to category A or to category B (defined in Table 5-1) but no testing is required to achieve qualification.

NOTE Implicitly the product to be verified cannot belong to categories C and D equipment (defined in Table 5-1).

- d. Similarity analysis shall define differences that can dictate complementary verification activities.
- e. An analysis programme shall be defined in the Verification Plan (VP).
- f. An analysis programme shall be applicable to qualification and in-orbit stages only.

5.2.2.4 Review-of-design (ROD)

- a. Verification by Review-of design (ROD) shall consist of using approved records or evidence that unambiguously show that the requirement is met.

NOTE Examples of such approved records are design documents and reports, technical descriptions, and engineering drawings.

- b. A review-of-design programme shall be defined in the Verification Plan (VP).
- c. A review-of-design programme shall only be applicable in the qualification stage or in the in-orbit stage.

5.2.2.5 Inspection

- a. Verification by inspection shall consist of visual determination of physical characteristics.

NOTE Physical characteristics include constructional features, hardware conformance to document drawing or workmanship requirements, physical conditions, software source code conformance with coding standards.

- b. An inspection programme shall be defined in the Verification Plan (VP).

5.2.3 Verification levels

- a. Verification shall be accomplished through the selected verification levels.

NOTE Usual levels are defined in 4.2.3.

- b. When a requirement is fully verified at lower level, the traceability to lower level verification evidence shall be identified.
- c. Formal close-out of qualification and acceptance at lower levels shall be performed prior to close-out at higher level.

5.2.4 Verification stages

5.2.4.1 General

- a. Verification shall be accomplished through the selection of the appropriate stages on the basis of project specificity from the following:
 1. qualification,
 2. acceptance,
 3. pre-launch,
 4. in-orbit (including commissioning),
 5. post-landing.
- b. Qualification, acceptance and pre-launch stages shall be completed before launch.
- c. When the verification programme includes an in-orbit stage, the verification shall not rely only on in-orbit activities.
- d. When the verification programme includes a post landing stage, the verification shall not rely only on in-orbit activities or post landing activities.

5.2.4.2 Qualification

- a. In the qualification stage the verification shall demonstrate that the design, including margins, meets the applicable requirements.
- b. Qualification shall be carried-out on hardware and software which is representative of the end item configuration in terms of design, materials, tooling and methods.
- c. The qualification programme shall be prepared considering the product category according to heritage as defined in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1: Product categories according to heritage

Category	Description	Qualification programme
A	Off-the-shelf product without modifications and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subjected to a qualification test programme at least as severe as that imposed by the actual project specifications including environment and • produced by the same manufacturer or supplier and using the same tools and manufacturing processes and procedures 	None
B	Off-the-shelf product without modifications. However: It has been subjected to a qualification test programme less severe or different to that imposed by the actual project specifications (including environment).	Delta qualification programme, decided on a case by case basis.
C	Off-the-shelf product with modifications. Modification includes changes to design, parts, materials, tools, processes, procedures, supplier, or manufacturer.	Delta or full qualification programme (including testing), decided on a case by case basis depending on the impact of the modification.
D	Newly designed and developed product.	Full qualification programme.

5.2.4.3 Acceptance

5.2.4.3.1 General

- a. In the acceptance stage the verification shall demonstrate that the product is free of workmanship errors and is ready for subsequent operational use.
- b. Acceptance shall be carried-out on the final hardware and software

5.2.4.3.2 Acceptance article

- a. The acceptance article shall be manufactured in agreement with the qualified design.
- b. The acceptance article shall perform as the qualified product.

5.2.4.4 Pre-launch

- a. In the pre-launch stage the verification shall demonstrate that the product is properly configured for launch activities and early operations.
- b. In the pre-launch stage the verification shall confirm that the product is capable of functioning as planned during launch and early operations.

5.2.4.5 In-orbit

- a. In the in-orbit stage the verification shall ensure no degradation occurred during the launch, early orbit phase, at periodical intervals and before specific operational use.
- b. In the in-orbit stage the verification shall supplement/confirm ground verification by providing operating conditions which cannot be fully or cost effectively duplicated or simulated on ground.
- c. In the in-orbit stage the verification shall characterize the system under operational conditions especially for the aspects that cannot be determined before the launch.
- d. In the in-orbit stage the verification shall confirm that the space and ground elements are compatible with each other.
- e. In the in-orbit stage the verification shall perform calibration and tuning activities specific to the mission payload.

NOTE The working arrangement between the elements suppliers (e.g. satellite, ground segment) and the final customer defines the share of responsibilities for preparing, conducting and reporting the in orbit - commissioning activities. The completion of this stage allows declaring readiness for routine operations (Phase E2-exploitation).

5.2.4.6 Post-landing

- a. The verification in the post-landing stage shall address the product integrity and performance after the mission.
- b. In case the product is intended to be re-launch the verification shall address:
 1. a health check, at periodical intervals agreed with the customer, during storage periods;
 2. the product performance after modification, repair or replacement;
 3. the readiness for reuse.

5.2.5 Models

- a. The model philosophy shall be defined as part of the overall verification planning.

5.2.6 Verification tools

5.2.6.1 General

- a. Tools to be used to support the implementation of the verification process shall be identified.

- b. All verification tools shall be verified for their intended use.
- c. The degree of verification applied to tools used to support the verification programme shall be established.

NOTE This requirement does not imply that formal verification is performed for the verification tools (e.g. tools of common use).

- d. Formal verification procedures shall be established and applied to tools which are specified as deliverable items.

5.2.6.2 Ground support equipment (GSE)

- a. All ground support equipment (GSE) shall be verified under expected environmental conditions and operational constraints.
- b. The compatibility of the interfaces of the ground support equipment (GSE) with flight products and facilities shall be verified by test.
- c. The prevention of damage on the flight product due to ground support equipment (GSE) failure shall be verified.

NOTE For hazards to personnel, flight hardware, facilities and environments related to GSE, see ECSS-Q-ST-40.

- d. Ground support equipment (GSE) that is modified or used in a new application shall be re-verified or re-validated.

5.2.6.3 Software validation facility (SVF)

- a. The SVF shall be verified by comparing the performance of the simulation models with the actual performance of the product or environment to be simulated.
- b. Flight hardware or software products simulated by the SVF shall be finally verified against the measured performance of the actual flight product.

5.2.6.4 Simulators

- a. Simulators shall be verified to demonstrate that the simulator characteristics are representative of the simulated product to the extent required for the verification to be supported.

5.2.6.5 Software tools for verification by analysis

- a. Suitability of previously validated analytical software tools shall be assessed for the intended application.
- b. Non-validated analytical software tools shall be subjected to a validation process prior to their use.

5.2.6.6 Integration and test facilities and test tools

- a. The capability of the integration and test facilities and test tools to perform their intended function in terms of performance and calibration shall be verified as part of the overall integration and test process.

NOTE See ECSS-Q-ST-20-07 for test facilities.

5.2.7 Verification process phasing

- a. The verification process shall be phased with the project life cycle, in accordance with ECSS-M-ST-10.
- b. Verification planning to assess feasibility and support programmatic shall start in the early phases.

NOTE For example, during phase A.

- c. The preliminary verification planning shall cover all products and requirements by the end of phase B.
- d. Verification planning shall be completed by the end of Phase C.

NOTE Covering all verification stages e.g. pre-launch, in-orbit (including commissioning) and post landing.

- e. Verification execution and reporting shall be incrementally carried out through the project life cycle starting from phase C.
- f. Verification control shall start with the initial issue of the verification control document (VCD) during phase B.
- g. Verification close out status shall be assessed and approved by the customer for each product at the end of each stage.

NOTE E.g. qualification close out status at the end of the qualification stage during the Qualification Review (QR).

5.2.8 Verification planning documents

5.2.8.1 Verification plan (VP)

- a. The supplier shall provide a Verification plan (VP) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are in Annex G.

- b. The contents of the Verification plan (VP) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex A.

5.2.8.2 Verification Control Document (VCD)

- a. The supplier shall provide a Verification Control Document (VCD) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- b. The contents of the initial issue of the Verification Control Document (VCD) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex B.

5.2.8.3 Other verification planning Document

- a. The supplier shall provide the AITP for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- b. The Assembly, Integration and Test plan (AITP) shall be in accordance with the DRD in ECSS-E-ST-10-03.

5.3 Verification execution and reporting

5.3.1 General

- a. The supplier shall assign clear responsibility for the implementation of the verification programme.
- b. The requirements for the test preparation and execution (including Test Readiness Review (TRR) and Post Test Review (PTR)) shall be as per ECSS-E-ST-10-03.
- c. When nonconformity is detected during the verification process, a Nonconformance Report (NCR), in conformance with Annex A of ECSS-Q-ST-10-09, shall be raised and processed according to ECSS-Q-ST-20.
- d. The verification results shall be recorded by the supplier in reports for review by the Verification Control Board (VCB) through the VCD.

5.3.2 Verification execution and reporting documentation

5.3.2.1 Test report (TRPT)

- a. The test report (TRPT) shall be submitted to the Verification Control Board (VCB) after the test completion, within the time frame agreed with the customer.
- b. The content of the Test report (TRPT) shall be in accordance with the DRD in Annex C.
- c. The supplier shall provide the Test reports (TRPT) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- d. A Test report (TRPT) shall be provided for each Test verification task as identified in the VP or AITP.

5.3.2.2 Analysis report (ARPT)

- a. The Analysis report (ARPT) shall be submitted to the Verification Control Board (VCB) after analysis completion, within the time frame agreed with the customer.
- b. The Analysis report (ARPT) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex Q of ECSS-E-ST-10.
- c. The supplier shall provide an Analysis report (ARPT) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- d. An Analysis report (ARPT) shall be provided for each Analysis verification task identified in the VP.

5.3.2.3 Review-of-design report (RRPT)

- a. The Review-of-design report (RRPT) shall be submitted to the Verification Control Board (VCB) after the Review-of-Design completion, within the time frame agreed with the customer.
- b. The Review-of-design report (RRPT) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex D.
- c. The supplier shall provide a Review-of-design report (RRPT) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- d. A Review-of-design report (RRPT) shall be provided for each Review-of-design verification task identified in the VP.

5.3.2.4 Inspection report (IRPT)

- a. The Inspection report (IRPT) shall be submitted to the Verification Control Board (VCB) after the inspection completion, within the time frame agreed with the customer.
- b. The Inspection report (IRPT) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex E.
- c. The supplier shall provide an Inspection report (IRPT) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- d. An Inspection report (IRPT) shall be provided for each Inspection verification task identified in the VP.

5.3.2.5 Verification report (VRPT)

- a. The supplier shall prepare a Verification report (VRPT) when more than one of the defined verification methods are utilized to verify a requirement or a specific set of requirements.
- b. The Verification report (VRPT) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex F.

- c. The Verification report (VRPT) shall be submitted to the Verification Control Board (VCB) after the completion of the last contributing verification activities, within the time frame agreed with the customer.
- d. The supplier shall provide a Verification report (VRPT) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

5.3.2.6 Other verification execution and reporting Document

- a. The supplier shall provide the Test specifications (TSPE) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- b. The Test specifications (TSPE) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex B of ECSS-E-ST-10-03.
- c. The Test procedures shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex D of ECSS-E-ST-10-03.
- d. The supplier shall provide the Test procedures (TPRO) for the reviews as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- e. The rules for the analysis, inspection and review of design shall be defined in writing before their execution.

NOTE For example, analysis, inspection or review of design procedures.

5.4 Verification control and close-out

5.4.1 General

- a. The implementation of the verification process shall be monitored by the Verification Control Board (VCB).
- b. The verification process control shall be supported by a computer based verification database.
- c. The verification database shall be delivered to the customer in an electronic form to be agreed with the customer.
- d. The supplier shall provide to the customer verification evidence for the customer's applicable requirements agreed to be verified, independently from the level where verification has been accomplished.

5.4.2 Verification control board (VCB)

- a. A Verification Control Board (VCB), with participation of customer and supplier representatives, shall be established to incrementally assess the achievements and status of the verification process.

NOTE The VCB is set-up in relation to the complexity and the extents of the verification activities.

- b. The verification process shall be considered completed when the Verification Control Board (VCB) confirms that:
1. documented evidence is recorded in the VCD,
 2. identified requirements have been verified
 3. associated product verification objectives are reached
- c. The conclusions of the VCB shall be submitted for approval to the customer's contractual authority.
- d. The Verification Control Board (VCB) shall assess the verification status with a periodicity agreed with the customer, along the project life cycle.

NOTE The results of the VCB are at least presented on the occasions of project reviews as defined in ECSS-M-ST-10.

- e. The Verification Control Board (VCB) shall endorse the final issue of the Verification Control Document (VCD).

5.4.3 Re-verification

- a. The extent of the re-verification to be performed shall be determined by Supplier and agreed with the customer, in the following cases:
1. failure and repair as decided by Nonconformance Review Board (NRB);
 2. unplanned disassembly or demating;
 3. refurbishment, maintenance or design changes;
 4. changes of requirements after initial verification;
 5. long duration storage;
 6. flight use of qualification hardware.
- b. The Verification Control Document (VCD) shall be updated by the supplier to record as open, those requirements subject to re-verification until this is performed and closeout agreed by the customer.

5.4.4 Verification control and close-out documentation

5.4.4.1 Verification Control Document (VCD)

- a. The content of the completed Verification Control Document (VCD) shall be in conformance with the DRD in Annex B.
- b. The supplier shall update the Verification database within one week of the approval of a report.
- c. The intermediate issues of the Verification Control Document (VCD), reflecting the current status of the verification database, shall be made available to the Verification Control Board (VCB) upon request.
- d. The intermediate issues of the Verification Control Document (VCD), reflecting the current verification and compliance status, shall be delivered at each formal review as agreed with the customer

NOTE Guidelines are provided in Annex G.

- e. The final issue of the Verification Control Document (VCD) shall be submitted to the Verification Control Board (VCB) after the approval of the last report, within the time frame agreed with the customer.

5.4.4.2 Other close-out documents

- a. The supplier shall make available to the customer for consultation the evidences mentioned in the VCD in addition to the deliverable reports.

Annex A (normative)

Verification plan (VP) - DRD

A.1 DRD identification

A.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called up from ECSS-E-ST-10-02, requirement 5.2.8.1b.

A.1.2 Purpose and objective

The Verification Plan contains the overall verification approach, the model philosophy, the product matrix, the verification strategies for the requirements (the interrelation between different methods/levels/stages of verification to be used to demonstrate status of compliance to requirements), the test, inspection, analysis and review-of-design programme with the relevant activity sheets and planning, the verification tools, the verification control methodology, the involved documentation, the verification management and organization.

A.2 Expected response

A.2.1 Scope and content

<1> Introduction

- a. The VP shall contain a description of the purpose, objective, content and the reason prompting its preparation.
- b. Open issues, assumptions and constraints relevant to this document shall be stated and described.

<2> Applicable and reference documents

- a. The VP shall list the applicable and reference documents in support to the generation of the document.

<3> Definitions and abbreviations

- a. The VP shall list the applicable dictionary or glossary and the meaning of specific terms or abbreviations utilized in the document.

<4> Verification subject

- a. The VP shall briefly describe the subject of the verification process.

<5> Verification approach

- a. The VP shall describe the basic verification concepts and definitions (methods, levels and stages).

<6> Model philosophy

- a. The VP shall describe the selected models and the associated model philosophy, product matrix.

<7> Verification Strategy

- a. The VP shall describe the selected combination of the different verification methods at the applicable verification levels and stages, in general and for each requirement type/group (including software).
- b. The allocation of the requirements to the specific verification tasks shall be given.

<8> Verification programme

- a. The VP shall document the verification activities and associated planning in the applicable verification stages.
- b. Analysis, review-of-design, inspection and test programmes should be detailed through dedicated activity sheets, or through reference to the AIT Plan.

<9> Verification tools

- a. The VP shall describe high level definitions of the verification tools to be used, such as S/W facilities, special tools, simulators, analytical tools.

<10> Verification control methodology

- a. The VP shall describe the proposed methodology to be utilized for verification monitoring and control including the use of a verification data base.

<11> Documentation

- a. The VP shall list the involved verification documents and describe their content.

<12> Organization and management

- a. The VP shall describe the responsibility and management tools applicable to the described verification process.
- b. It shall describe the responsibilities within the project team, the relation to product assurance, quality control and configuration control (including anomaly handling and change control) as well as the responsibility sharing with external partners.
- c. The relevant reviews shall be planned and responsibilities described.

A.2.2 Special remarks

- a. The Verification Plan may be combined with the AIT Plan in one single AIV Plan.

NOTE In this case VP and AIT plans do not exist anymore as single entities.

Annex B (normative)

Verification control document (VCD) - DRD

B.1 DRD identification

B.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called up from ECSS-ST-E-10-02, requirement 5.2.8.2b and 5.4.4.1b.

B.1.2 Purpose and objective

The Verification Control Document lists the requirements to be verified with the selected methods in the applicable stages at the defined levels.

It includes the Verification Matrix. The VCD is a living document and provides traceability during the phase C, D and E, how and when each requirement is planned to be verified and is actually verified.

The VCD becomes part of the EIDP, as detailed in ECSS-Q-ST-20.

B.2 Expected response

B.2.1 Scope and content

<1> Introduction

- a. The VCD shall contain a description of the purpose, objective, content and the reason prompting its preparation.
- b. Open issues, assumptions and constraints relevant to this document shall be stated and described.
- c. The VCD content shall be phased with the product life-cycle such that the initial issue contains the verification matrix, intermediate issues cover the planned on-ground verifications and their executions evidence (in particular for qualification and acceptance completion), the in-orbit and post landing activities; final issue provides evidence of the close-out of the overall verification process.

<2> Applicable and reference documents

- a. The VCD shall list the applicable and reference documents in support to the generation of the document.

<3> Definitions and abbreviations

- a. The VCD shall list the applicable dictionary or glossary and the meaning of specific terms or abbreviations utilized in the document.

<4> Verification subject

- a. The VCD shall describe the verification control approach applied to the product, the involved documentation and the computerized tool used to support the process.
- b. The VCD shall include the requirements to be verified (with reference to the specifications involved), call up the verification methods, levels and stages definitions and explain the verification close-out criteria..

<5> Verification summary status

- a. Each issue of the VCD shall summarize the current Verification Close-out status.

<6> Verification control data

- a. The VCD shall collect in the form of a matrix, for each requirement, the following verification information:

1. Requirement identifier,
2. Requirement text
3. traceability between requirement,
4. Levels and stages of verification,
5. methods,
6. link to the relevant section of the verification plan and any planning document,

NOTE For example, test specification.

7. References to any documentation that demonstrates compliance to the requirements,

NOTE For example, report, analysis, waivers, RFD, NCR, NRB, customer closeout records.

8. Status of Compliance (yes, no, partial),
 9. Close-out status (open / closed),
 10. Reasons of the close-out status,
- b. The initial issue of the VCD shall contain a verification matrix limited to:
 1. Requirement identifier,

2. Requirement text,
3. traceability between requirement,
4. Levels and stages of verification,
5. methods,
6. link to the relevant section of the verification plan.

B.2.2 Special remarks

None.

Annex C (normative)

Test report (TRPT) - DRD

C.1 DRD identification

C.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called up from ECSS-E-ST-10-02, requirement 5.3.2.1b.

C.1.2 Purpose and objective

The test report describes test execution, test and engineering assessment of results and conclusions in the light of the test requirements (including pass-fail criteria).

The test report contains the scope of the test, the test description, the test article and sep-up configuration, and the test results including the as-run test procedures, the considerations and conclusions with particular emphasis on the close-out of the relevant verification requirements including deviations.

C.2 Expected response

C.2.1 Scope and content

<1> Introduction

- a. The TRPT shall contain a description of the purpose, objective, content and the reason prompting its preparation.
- b. Open issues, assumptions and constraints relevant to this document shall be stated and described.

<2> Applicable and reference documents

- a. The TRPT shall list the applicable and reference documents in support to the generation of the document.

<3> Definitions and abbreviations

- a. The TRPT shall list the applicable dictionary or glossary and the meaning of specific terms or abbreviations utilized in the document

<4> Test results

- a. The TRPT shall contain the test results with supporting data (including the test execution dates, the as run procedure, and the test facility results).
- b. The TRPT shall contain the analysis of test data and the relevant assessment.
- c. The TRPT shall provide a synthesis of the test results.

<5> Anomalies

- a. The TRPT shall include the list of deviations to the test procedure, the nonconformance including failures and the problems.

<6> Conclusions

- a. The TRPT shall summarize:
 1. the test results, including:
 - (a) the list of the requirements to be verified (in correlation with the VCD),
 - (b) traceability to used documentation,
 - (c) conformance or deviation including references and signature and date),
 2. the comparison with the requirements and
 3. the verification close-out judgment.
- b. Open issues shall be clearly stated and described.
- c. Separate test analyses shall be cross-referenced.

C.2.2 Special remarks

None.

Annex D (normative)

Review-of-design report (RRPT) - DRD

D.1 DRD identification

D.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called up from ECSS-E-ST-10-02, requirement 5.3.2.3b.

D.1.2 Purpose and objective

The review-of-design report describes each verification activity performed for reviewing documentation.

The review-of-design report contains proper evidence that the relevant requirements are verified and the indication of deviations.

D.2 Expected response

D.2.1 Scope and content

<1> Introduction

- a. The RRPT shall contain a description of the purpose, objective, content and the reason prompting its preparation.
- b. Open issues, assumptions and constraints relevant to this document shall be stated and described.

<2> Applicable and reference documents

- a. The RRPT shall list the applicable and reference documents in support to the generation of the document.

<3> Definitions and abbreviations

- a. The RRPT shall list the applicable dictionary or glossary and the meaning of specific terms or abbreviations utilized in the document with the relevant meaning.

<4> Review-of-design summary

- a. The RRPT shall describe the review-of-design activity in terms of method and procedures used.

<5> Conclusions

- a. The RRPT shall summarize
 - 1. the review-of-design results, including
 - (a) the list of the requirements to be verified (in correlation with the VCD),
 - (b) traceability to used documentation,
 - (c) conformance or deviation including references and signature and date,
 - 2. the comparison with the requirements and
 - 3. the verification close-out judgment.
- b. Open issues shall be clearly stated and described.

D.2.2 Special remarks

None.

Annex E (normative)

Inspection report (IRPT) - DRD

E.1 DRD identification

E.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called up from ECSS-E-ST-10-02, requirement 5.3.2.4b.

E.1.2 Purpose and objective

The inspection report describes each verification activity performed for inspecting hardware or software.

The inspection report contains proper evidence that the relevant requirements are verified and the indication of deviations.

The inspection report may be embedded in the Test Report if the verification by Inspection is carried-out in combination with Testing.

E.2 Expected response

E.2.1 Scope and content

<1> Introduction

- a. The IRPT shall contain a description of the purpose, objective, content and the reason prompting its preparation.
- b. Open issues, assumptions and constraints relevant to this document shall be stated and described.

<2> Applicable and reference documents

- a. The IRPT shall list the applicable and reference documents in support to the generation of the document.

<3> Definitions and abbreviations

- a. The IRPT shall list the applicable dictionary or glossary and the meaning of specific terms or abbreviations utilized in the document with the relevant meaning.

<4> Inspection summary

- a. The IRPT shall describe the product configuration data of the inspected item.

<5> Conclusions

- a. The IRPT shall summarize the:
 1. inspection results, including:
 - (a) the list of the requirements to be verified (in correlation with the VCD),
 - (b) traceability to used documentation,
 - (c) inspection event location and date,
 - (d) expected finding,
 - (e) conformance or deviation including proper references and signature and date,
 2. comparison with the requirements, and
 3. verification close-out judgement.
- b. Open issues shall be clearly stated and described.

E.2.2 Special remarks

None.

Annex F (normative)

Verification report (VRPT) - DRD

F.1 DRD identification

F.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called up from ECSS-E-ST-10-02, requirement 5.3.2.5b.

F.1.2 Purpose and objective

The Verification Report is prepared when more than one of the defined verification methods are utilized to verify a requirement or a specific set of requirements.

It reports the approach followed and how the verification methods were combined to achieve the verification objectives.

The positive achievement constitutes the completion of verification for the particular requirement.

F.2 Expected response

F.2.1 Scope and content

<1> Introduction

- a. The VRPT shall contain a description of the purpose, objective, content and the reason prompting its preparation.
- b. Open issues, assumptions and constraints relevant to this document shall be stated and described.

<2> Applicable and reference documents

- a. The VRPT shall list the applicable and reference documents in support to the generation of the document.

<3> Definitions and Abbreviations

- a. The VRPT shall list the applicable dictionary or glossary and the meaning of specific terms or abbreviations utilized in the document with the relevant meaning Verification subject.

<4> Verification results

- a. The VRPT shall describe the verification approach, the associated problems and results with reference to the relevant test, analysis, review-of-design and inspection reports.
- b. The VRPT shall identify the deviations from the verification plan.

<5> Conclusions

- a. The VRPT shall list the requirements to be verified (in correlation with the VCD).
- b. The VRPT shall summarize verification results, the comparison with the requirements and the verification close-out judgement.
- c. Open issues shall be clearly stated and described.

F.2.2 Special remarks

None.

Annex G (informative)

Verification documents delivery per review

The verification documents are delivered by the supplier to the customer at each review either for information or for approval, with the identified maturity, as per Table G-1.

NOTE This implies that the DRD template can be adopted, but not followed.

Table G-1: Verification documents deliverable per review

Document title	Phases										DRD ref.
	A	B		C	D		E				
	PRR	SRR	PDR	CDR	QR	AR	ORR	FRR	LRR	CRR	
Verification plan (VP) ^(1a)	+	+	+(1b)	+	+	+	+(1c)				Annex A
Assembly integration and test plan (AITP) ^(2a)			+	+(2b)	+	+					ECSS-E-ST-10-03
Verification control document (VCD)	+(3a)	+	+(3b)	+(3c)	+(3d)	+(3d)	+(3e)	+(3d)	+(3d)	+(3f)	Annex B
Test specification (TSPE) ^(4c)				+(4a)	+(4d)	+(4d)	+(4b)	+	+	+	ECSS-E-ST-10-03
Test Procedure (TRPT) ^(5a)				+	+	+	+(5b)	+			ECSS-E-ST-10-03
Test report (TRPT)				+(6)	+(6)	+(6)	+(6)	+(6)	+(6)	+(6)	Annex C
Analysis report (ARPT)	+	+	+	+	+(6)	+	+(6)	+(6)	+(6)	+(6)	ECSS-E-ST-10
Review-of-design report (RRPT)				+(6a)	+(6b)						Annex D
Inspection report (IRPT)				+(6)	+(6)	+(6)					Annex E
Verification report (VRPT)					+(7a)	+(7b)	+(7c)	+(7c)	+(7c)	+(7d)	Annex F

- (1a) The verification plan is detailed progressively or split in sub-document (e.g. commissioning Plan (CP)).
- (1b) In-orbit activities may still be preliminary or incomplete.
- (1c) Updated with refinement for the in-orbit (especially commissioning) activities.
- (2a) Only for ground activities (i.e. up to pre-launch stage).
- (2b) Updated with refinement as necessary.
- (3a) preliminary issue containing at least the compliance status.
- (3b) Initial issue with the verification matrix for the ground activities.
- (3c) Updated initial issue with the verification matrix for the in-orbit activities.
- (3d) Updated with close-out status and evidence for product related requirements.
- (3e) Updated with verification matrix refinement for the planned in-orbit (including commissioning) activities.
- (3f) Final issue with close-out status and evidence following commissioning.
- (4a) Only for ground activities, approved by the supplier.
- (4b) Only for in-orbit (especially commissioning) activities.
- (4c) Final issue approved in advance to the Test Procedure availability
- (4d) Part of the data package for information.
- (5a) Final issue approved before Test Readiness Review (TRR) – Ref. to ECSS E-ST-10-03 as run procedures are part of the test report.
- (5b) Only for in-orbit activities, final issue approved by a representative of the space segment control centre.
- (6a) Only for close-out evidence related to this review.
- (6b) Only for reports issued after the CDR and related to this review.
- (7a) The qualification report includes a wrap up of the qualification evidence.
- (7b) The acceptance report includes a wrap up of the acceptance evidence.
- (7c) The overall report includes a wrap up of the evidence.
- (7d) The commissioning report includes a wrap up of the commissioning evidence.
- (8) Only in case of in-orbit software maintenance.

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