



Pages 1 to 29

**ATTENUATORS AND LOADS,  
RF, COAXIAL, FIXED**

**ESCC Generic Specification No. 3403**

Issue 2	August 2005
---------	-------------



Document Custodian: European Space Agency - see <https://escies.org>

**LEGAL DISCLAIMER AND COPYRIGHT**

European Space Agency, Copyright © 2005. All rights reserved.

The European Space Agency disclaims any liability or responsibility, to any person or entity, with respect to any loss or damage caused, or alleged to be caused, directly or indirectly by the use and application of this ESCC publication.

This publication, without the prior permission of the European Space Agency and provided that it is not used for a commercial purpose, may be:

- copied in whole, in any medium, without alteration or modification.
- copied in part, in any medium, provided that the ESCC document identification, comprising the ESCC symbol, document number and document issue, is removed.

**DOCUMENTATION CHANGE NOTICE**

(Refer to <https://escies.org> for ESCC DCR content)

DCR No.	CHANGE DESCRIPTION
150	Specification upissued to incorporate editorial and technical changes per DCR

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

<b><u>1.</u></b>	<b><u>INTRODUCTION</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
1.1	Scope	7
1.2	Applicability	7
<b><u>2.</u></b>	<b><u>APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
2.1	ESCC Specifications	7
2.2	Other (Reference) Documents	7
2.3	Order of Precedence	8
<b><u>3.</u></b>	<b><u>TERMS, DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND UNITS</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>
<b><u>4.</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIREMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>
4.1	General	8
4.1.1	Specifications	8
4.1.2	Conditions and Methods of Test	8
4.1.3	Manufacturer's Responsibility for Performance of Tests and Inspections	8
4.1.4	Inspection Rights	8
4.1.5	Pre-encapsulation Inspection Witnessing	9
4.2	Qualification and Qualification Maintenance requirements on a Manufacturer	9
4.3	Deliverable Components	9
4.3.1	Lot Failure	9
4.4	Marking	9
4.5	Materials and Finishes	9
<b><u>5.</u></b>	<b><u>PRODUCTION CONTROL</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
5.1	General	10
5.2	Special In-Process Controls	10
5.2.1	Contact Engagement and Separation Forces	10
5.2.2	Gold Plate Porosity	10
5.2.3	Pre-encapsulation Inspection	10
5.2.4	Dimension Check	10
5.2.5	Weight	10
5.2.6	Documentation	10
<b><u>6.</u></b>	<b><u>SCREENING TESTS</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>
6.1	General	11
6.2	Failure Criteria	11
6.2.1	Environmental and Mechanical Test Failure	11
6.2.2	Parameter Drift Failure	11
6.2.3	Parameter Limit Failure	11
6.2.4	Other Failures	11
6.3	Failed Components	11
6.4	Lot Failure	12
6.4.1	Lot Failure during 100% Testing	12
6.4.2	Lot Failure during Sample Testing	12
6.5	Documentation	12
<b><u>7.</u></b>	<b><u>QUALIFICATION, QUALIFICATION MAINTENANCE AND LOT VALIDATION TESTING</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
7.1	Component Type Qualification Testing	12
7.1.1	General	12
7.1.2	Distribution within the Qualification Test Lot	13
7.2	Qualification Maintenance (Periodic Testing)	13

7.3	Lot Validation Testing	13
7.3.1	General	13
7.3.2	Distribution within the Sample for Lot Validation Testing	13
7.4	Failure Criteria	13
7.4.1	Environmental and Mechanical Test Failures	13
7.4.2	Electrical Failures	13
7.4.3	Other Failures	14
7.5	Failed Components	14
7.6	Lot Failure	14
7.7	Qualification, Qualification Maintenance and Lot Validation Testing Samples	14
7.8	Documentation	14
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>TEST METHODS AND PROCEDURES</u></b>	<b><u>14</u></b>
8.1	Contact Engagement and Separation Forces	15
8.2	Gold Plate Porosity	15
8.3	Pre-Encapsulation Inspection	15
8.4	Thermal Cycling	15
8.5	Vibration Cycling	15
8.6	Electrical Measurements	16
8.6.1	General	16
8.6.1.1	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR) (Attenuators and Loads)	16
8.6.1.2	Attenuation (Attenuators Only)	17
8.6.1.3	Resistance (Loads Only)	17
8.6.2	Parameter Drift Values	17
8.6.3	High and Low Temperatures Electrical Measurements	17
8.6.4	Room Temperature Electrical Measurements	17
8.6.5	Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements	17
8.7	Burn-In	17
8.8	External Visual Inspection and Dimension Check	17
8.9	Vibration	18
8.9.1	Mounting	18
8.9.2	Procedure	18
8.9.3	Electrical Measurements	18
8.10	Shock	18
8.10.1	Mounting	18
8.10.2	Procedure	18
8.10.3	Electrical Measurements	19
8.11	Rapid Change of Temperature	19
8.11.1	Procedure	19
8.11.2	Recovery and Visual Inspection	19
8.11.3	Electrical Measurements	19
8.12	Climatic Sequence	19
8.12.1	Dry Heat	19
8.12.2	Damp Heat, Accelerated, First Cycle	19
8.12.3	Cold	19
8.12.4	Low Air Pressure	19
8.12.5	Damp Heat, Accelerated, Remaining Cycles	20
8.12.6	Recovery and Visual Inspection	20
8.12.7	Electrical Measurements	20
8.13	Coupling Proof Torque	20
8.14	Mating and Unmating Forces	20
8.14.1	Bayonet and Screw Coupling	20
8.14.2	Push-Pull Coupling	20
8.15	Connector Repeatability (Attenuators Only)	21

8.16	Operating Life	21
8.16.1	Initial Measurements	21
8.16.2	Mounting	21
8.16.3	Testing	21
8.16.4	Final Measurements	21
8.17	Permanence of Marking	21
8.18	Residual Magnetism (Gold-Plated with Copper Underplate Version Only)	21
8.19	RF Leakage	22
8.20	Peak Power	22
8.21	Power Sensitivity (Attenuators Only)	22
8.22	Corrosion	22
<b>9.</b>	<b><u>DATA DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>
9.1	General	22
9.1.1	Qualification and Qualification Maintenance	23
9.1.2	Component Procurement and Delivery	23
9.1.3	Additional Documentation	23
9.1.4	Data Retention/Data Access	23
9.2	Cover Sheet(s)	23
9.3	List of Equipment Used	24
9.4	List of Test References	24
9.5	Special In-Process Controls Data (Chart F2)	24
9.6	Screening Tests Data (Chart F3)	24
9.7	Qualification and Periodic Tests Data (Chart F4)	24
9.7.1	Qualification Testing	24
9.7.2	Periodic Testing for Qualification Maintenance	24
9.7.3	Lot Validation Testing	24
9.8	Failed Components List and Failure Analysis Report	25
9.9	Certificate Of Conformity	25
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>DELIVERY</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>PACKAGING AND DISPATCH</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>
<b>12.</b>	<b><u>CHARTS</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b>
12.1	Chart F1 - General Flow for Procurement	26
12.2	Chart F2 - Production Control	27
12.3	Chart F3 - Screening Tests	28
12.4	Chart F4 - Qualification and Periodic Tests	29

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 SCOPE

This specification defines the general requirements for the qualification, qualification maintenance, procurement, and delivery of Fixed RF Coaxial Attenuators and Loads, for space applications. This specification contains the appropriate inspection and test schedules and also specifies the data documentation requirements.

### 1.2 APPLICABILITY

This specification is primarily applicable to the granting of qualification approval to a component in accordance with ESCC Basic Specification No. 20100 and the procurement of such components from qualified Manufacturers. It may also be applied for procurement of unqualified components.

## 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents form part of, and shall be read in conjunction with, this specification. The relevant issues shall be those in effect on the date of starting qualification or placing the Purchase Order.

### 2.1 ESCC SPECIFICATIONS

- No. 20100, Requirements for the Qualification of Standard Electronic Components for Space Application.
- No. 20500, External Visual Inspection.
- No. 20600, Preservation, Packaging and Dispatch of ESCC Electronic Components.
- No. 21300, Terms, Definitions, Abbreviations, Symbols and Units.
- No. 21700, General Requirements for the Marking of ESCC Components.
- No. 22800, ESCC Non-conformance Control System.
- No. 24600, Minimum Quality System Requirements.
- No. 24800, Resistance to Solvents of Marking, Materials and Finishes.
- No. 3402, Connectors, RF Coaxial.

For qualification and qualification maintenance or procurement of qualified components, with the exception of ESCC Basic Specifications Nos. 20100, 21700, 22800 and 24600, where Manufacturers' specifications are equivalent to, or more stringent than, the ESCC Basic Specifications listed above, they may be used in place of the latter, subject to the approval of the ESCC Executive.

Such replacements shall be clearly identified in the applicable Process Identification Document (PID).

For procurement of unqualified components, where Manufacturers' specifications are equivalent to or more stringent than the applicable ESCC Basic Specifications listed above, they may be used in place of the latter subject to the approval of the Orderer.

Such replacements may be listed in an appendix to the appropriate Detail Specification at the request of the Manufacturer or Orderer, subject to the approval of the ESCC Executive.

Unless otherwise stated herein, references within the text of this specification to "the Detail Specification" shall mean the relevant ESCC Detail Specification.

### 2.2 OTHER (REFERENCE) DOCUMENTS

- IEC Publication No. 68, Basic Environmental Testing Procedures.
- ECSS-Q-70-02, A Thermal Vacuum Test for the Screening of Space Materials.

### 2.3 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

For the purpose of interpretation and in case of conflict with regard to documentation, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- (a) ESCC Detail Specification.
- (b) ESCC Generic Specification.
- (c) ESCC Basic Specification.
- (d) Other documents, if referenced herein.

### 3. TERMS, DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND UNITS

The terms, definitions, abbreviations, symbols and units specified in ESCC Basic Specification No. 21300 shall apply.

### 4. REQUIREMENTS

#### 4.1 GENERAL

The test requirements for component type qualification of a component shall comprise Special In-Process Controls, Screening Tests and Component Type Qualification Testing.

The test requirements for procurement of components shall comprise Special In-Process Controls, Screening Tests, together with Periodic Testing for qualified components and Lot Validation Testing for qualified (if required in the Purchase Order) and unqualified components (see Chart F1).

#### 4.1.1 Specifications

For qualification, qualification maintenance, procurement and delivery of components in conformity with this specification, the applicable specifications listed in Section 2 of this document shall apply in total unless otherwise specified herein or in the Detail Specification.

#### 4.1.2 Conditions and Methods of Test

The conditions and methods of test shall be in accordance with this specification, the ESCC Basic Specifications referenced herein and the Detail Specification.

#### 4.1.3 Manufacturer's Responsibility for Performance of Tests and Inspections

The Manufacturer shall be responsible for the performance of tests and inspections required by the applicable specifications. These tests and inspections shall be performed at the plant of the Manufacturer of the components unless it is agreed by the ESCC Executive (for qualification, qualification maintenance, or procurement of qualified components) or the Orderer (for procurement of unqualified components), to use an approved external facility.

#### 4.1.4 Inspection Rights

The ESCC Executive (for qualification, qualification maintenance, or procurement of qualified components) or the Orderer (for procurement of unqualified components) reserves the right to monitor any of the tests and inspections scheduled in the applicable specifications.



#### 4.1.5 Pre-encapsulation Inspection Witnessing

If required in the Purchase Order, the Orderer may witness or perform the Pre-encapsulation Inspection and the Manufacturer must notify the Orderer at least 2 working weeks before the commencement of the inspection.

#### 4.2 QUALIFICATION AND QUALIFICATION MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS ON A MANUFACTURER

To obtain and maintain the component type qualification of a component, or family of components, a Manufacturer shall satisfy the requirements of ESCC Basic Specification No. 20100.

#### 4.3 DELIVERABLE COMPONENTS

Components delivered to this specification shall be processed and inspected in accordance with the relevant Process Identification Document (PID). Each delivered component shall be traceable to its production lot. Components delivered to this specification shall have satisfactorily completed all the required tests.

ESCC qualified components delivered to this specification shall be produced from lots that are capable of passing all applicable tests, and sequences of tests, that are defined in Chart F4. The Manufacturer shall not knowingly supply components that cannot meet this requirement. In the event that, subsequent to delivery and prior to operational use, a component is found to be in a condition such that it could not have passed these tests at the time of manufacture, this shall be grounds for rejection of the delivered lot.

#### 4.3.1 Lot Failure

Lot failure may occur during Screening Tests (Chart F3) or Qualification and Periodic Tests (Chart F4).

Should such failure occur during qualification, qualification maintenance or procurement of qualified components the Manufacturer shall initiate the non-conformance procedure in accordance with ESCC Basic Specification No. 22800. The Manufacturer shall notify the Orderer and the ESCC Executive by any appropriate written means, within 5 working days, giving details of the number and mode of failure and the suspected cause. No further testing shall be performed on the failed components.

Should such failure occur during procurement of unqualified components the Manufacturer shall notify the Orderer by any appropriate written means within 5 working days, giving details of the number and mode of failure and the suspected cause. No further testing shall be performed on the failed components. The Orderer shall inform the Manufacturer within 5 working days of receipt of notification what action shall be taken.

#### 4.4 MARKING

All components procured and delivered to this specification shall be marked in accordance with ESCC Basic Specification No. 21700.

#### 4.5 MATERIALS AND FINISHES

Specific requirements for materials and finishes are specified in the Detail Specification. Where a definite material or finish is not specified a material or finish shall be used so as to ensure that the component meets the performance requirements of this specification and the Detail Specification. Acceptance or

approval of any constituent material or finish does not guarantee acceptance of the finished product.

All non-metallic materials and finishes, that are not within a hermetically sealed enclosure, of the components specified in the Detail Specification shall meet the outgassing requirements as outlined in ECSS-Q-70-02.

## 5. PRODUCTION CONTROL

### 5.1 GENERAL

The minimum requirements for production control are defined in the Process Identification Document (PID).

Unless otherwise specified in the Detail Specification all lots of components used for qualification and qualification maintenance, Lot Validation Testing and for delivery shall be subject to tests and inspections in accordance with Chart F2.

Any components which do not meet these requirements shall be removed from the lot and at no future time be resubmitted to the requirements of this specification.

The applicable test requirements are detailed in the paragraphs referenced in Chart F2.

### 5.2 SPECIAL IN-PROCESS CONTROLS

#### 5.2.1 Contact Engagement and Separation Forces

A sample of 13 female centre contacts shall be tested for Contact Engagement and Separation Forces as defined in Para. 8.1. If any failure occurs the lot of contacts shall be rejected.

#### 5.2.2 Gold Plate Porosity

A sample of 10 contacts from each plating lot shall be tested for Gold Plate Porosity as defined in Para. 8.2. If any failure occurs the plating lot shall be rejected.

#### 5.2.3 Pre-encapsulation Inspection

Pre-encapsulation Inspection shall consist of internal and external visual inspection of all the different elements of the components in accordance with Para. 8.3.

#### 5.2.4 Dimension Check

In accordance with Para. 8.8 on 3 samples only.

If a failure occurs, the complete lot shall be checked.

#### 5.2.5 Weight

The maximum weight of the component specified in the Detail Specification shall be guaranteed but not tested.

#### 5.2.6 Documentation

Documentation of Special In-Process Controls shall be in accordance with Para. 9.5.

## 6. SCREENING TESTS

### 6.1 GENERAL

Unless otherwise specified in the Detail Specification, all components used for qualification and qualification maintenance, Lot Validation Testing, and for delivery, shall be subjected to tests and inspections in accordance with Chart F3. All components shall be serialised prior to the tests and inspections.

Unless otherwise specified in the Detail Specification, the tests shall be performed in the order shown.

Any components which do not meet these requirements shall be removed from the lot and at no future time be resubmitted to the requirements of this specification.

The applicable test methods and conditions are specified in the paragraphs referenced in Chart F3.

### 6.2 FAILURE CRITERIA

#### 6.2.1 Environmental and Mechanical Test Failure

The following shall be counted as component failures:- components which fail during tests for which the pass/fail criteria are inherent in the test method, e.g. Vibration Cycling, Contact Engagement and Separation Forces.

#### 6.2.2 Parameter Drift Failure

The acceptable change limits are shown in Parameter Drift Values in the Detail Specification. A component shall be counted as a parameter drift failure if the changes during Burn-in are larger than the drift values ( $\Delta$ ) specified.

#### 6.2.3 Parameter Limit Failure

A component shall be counted as a limit failure if one or more parameters exceed the limits shown in Room Temperature Electrical Measurements or High and Low Temperatures Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification.

Any component which exhibits a limit failure prior to the submission to Burn-in shall be rejected and not counted when determining lot rejection.

#### 6.2.4 Other Failures

A component shall be counted as a failure in any of the following cases:

- External Visual Inspection
- Mechanical failure
- Handling failure
- Lost component

Any failure prior to the submission to Burn-in shall be rejected and not counted when determining lot rejection.

### 6.3 FAILED COMPONENTS

A component shall be considered as a failed component if it exhibits one or more of the failure modes

described in Para. 6.2.

#### 6.4 LOT FAILURE

In the case of lot failure, the Manufacturer shall act in accordance with Para. 4.3.1.

##### 6.4.1 Lot Failure during 100% Testing

If the number of components failed on the basis of the failure criteria described in Para. 6.2 equals or exceeds:

- 6% (rounded upwards to the nearest whole number) of a lot larger than 50 components
- 3 devices of a lot of between 20 and 50 components
- 2 devices of a lot smaller than 20 components

the lot shall be considered as failed.

If a lot is composed of groups of components of one family defined in one ESCC Detail Specification, but separately identifiable for any reason, then the lot failure criteria shall apply separately to each identifiable group.

##### 6.4.2 Lot Failure during Sample Testing

A lot shall be considered as failed if the number of allowable failures during sample testing as specified in the Detail Specification, is exceeded.

If a lot failure occurs, a 100% testing may be performed but the cumulative percent defective shall not exceed that given in Para. 6.4.1.

#### 6.5 DOCUMENTATION

Documentation of Screening Tests shall be in accordance with Para. 9.6.

### 7. QUALIFICATION, QUALIFICATION MAINTENANCE AND LOT VALIDATION TESTING

Requirements of this paragraph are applicable to the tests performed for component type qualification and qualification maintenance and also for Lot Validation Testing.

#### 7.1 COMPONENT TYPE QUALIFICATION TESTING

##### 7.1.1 General

Qualification testing shall be in accordance with the requirements given in Chart F4. The tests of Chart F4 shall be performed on the specified sample, chosen at random from components which have successfully passed the tests in Chart F3 (Screening Tests). This sample constitutes the qualification test lot.

The qualification test lot is divided into subgroups of tests and all components assigned to a subgroup shall be subjected to all of the tests in that subgroup, in the sequence shown. The applicable test requirements are detailed in the paragraphs referenced in Chart F4.

The conditions governing component type qualification testing are given in ESCC Basic Specification No. 20100.

#### 7.1.2 Distribution within the Qualification Test Lot

A sample of 10 components shall be subjected to Qualification Tests as specified in Chart F4.

Where a Detail Specification covers a range or series of mechanically and electrically similar components the components selected for qualification testing must adequately represent all the various mechanical and electrical peculiarities of the components within the range.

The components types may be specified by, but in any case shall be agreed with, the ESCC Executive prior to the commencement of qualification testing.

#### 7.2 QUALIFICATION MAINTENANCE (PERIODIC TESTING)

Component type qualification is maintained through periodic testing and the test requirements of Para. 7.1 shall apply. For each subgroup the period between successive subgroup testing shall be as given in Chart F4. The conditions governing qualification maintenance are given in ESCC Basic Specification No. 20100.

#### 7.3 LOT VALIDATION TESTING

##### 7.3.1 General

For qualified components, Lot Validation Testing as defined in compliance with Chart F4, Subgroup 2, shall only be performed on the procured lot if required in the Purchase Order.

If unqualified components are procured using this specification then the Orderer shall define in the Purchase Order the required subgroups from Chart F4 to be used for Lot Validation Testing.

##### 7.3.2 Distribution within the Sample for Lot Validation Testing

Where the Detail Specification covers a range, or series, of components that are considered similar, then it is only necessary to perform Lot Validation Testing on representative types if a number of different types are procured together. The sample for Lot Validation Testing should be comprised of component types so selected that they adequately represent all of the various mechanical, structural and electrical peculiarities of the components procured from the range or series.

The distribution of component types will vary from procurement to procurement and shall be as required in the Purchase Order.

#### 7.4 FAILURE CRITERIA

The following criteria shall apply to qualification, qualification maintenance and Lot Validation Testing.

##### 7.4.1 Environmental and Mechanical Test Failures

The following shall be counted as component failures:-

Components which fail during tests for which the pass/fail criteria are inherent in the test method, e.g. Coupling Proof Torque.

##### 7.4.2 Electrical Failures

The following shall be counted as component failures:

Components which fail one or more of the applicable limits at each of the relevant data points specified

for environmental, mechanical and endurance testing in Intermediate and End-point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification.

#### 7.4.3 Other Failures

A component shall be counted as a failure in any of the following cases:

- Visual failure
- Mechanical failure
- Handling failure
- Lost component

#### 7.5 FAILED COMPONENTS

A component shall be considered as failed if it exhibits one or more of the failure modes detailed in Para. 7.4.

When requested by the ESCC Executive (for qualification, qualification maintenance or procurement of qualified components) or the Orderer (for procurement of qualified or unqualified components), failure analysis of failed components shall be performed by the Manufacturer and the results provided.

Failed components from successful lots shall be marked as such and be stored at the Manufacturer's plant for a minimum of 24 months.

Failed components shall be retained at the Manufacturer's plant until the final disposition has been agreed and certified.

#### 7.6 LOT FAILURE

For qualification and qualification maintenance, the lot shall be considered as failed if the allowable number of failures according to Chart F4 has been exceeded.

For procurement, the lot shall be considered as failed if the allowable number of failures according to the applicable tests specified for Lot Validation Testing in Chart F4 has been exceeded.

In the case of lot failure, the Manufacturer shall act in accordance with Para. 4.3.1.

#### 7.7 QUALIFICATION, QUALIFICATION MAINTENANCE AND LOT VALIDATION TESTING SAMPLES

All tests of Chart F4 are considered to be destructive and therefore components so tested shall not form part of the delivery lot.

#### 7.8 DOCUMENTATION

Documentation of qualification, qualification maintenance and Lot Validation Testing shall be in accordance with Para. 9.7.

### 8. TEST METHODS AND PROCEDURES

If a Manufacturer elects to eliminate or modify a test method or procedure, the Manufacturer is still responsible for delivering components that meet all of the performance, quality and reliability

requirements defined in this specification and the Detail Specification.

For a qualified component, documentation supporting the change shall be approved by the ESCC Executive and retained by the Manufacturer. It shall be copied, when requested, to the ESCC Executive. The change shall be specified in an appendix to the Detail Specification and in the PID.

For an unqualified component the change shall be approved by the Orderer. The change may be specified in an appendix to the Detail Specification at the request of the Manufacturer or Orderer, subject to the approval of the ESCC Executive.

#### 8.1 CONTACT ENGAGEMENT AND SEPARATION FORCES

The female contacts shall be tested as follows:.

A force which is gradually increased shall be applied with force speed not exceeding 1mm/second until the steel test pin properly engages with, or separates from, the female connectors. The polished steel test pins shall be as specified in the Detail Specification. The oversize test pin shall be engaged and separated from each female contact 3 times. Then the engagement force shall be measured with the maximum diameter test pin. Subsequently, the minimum diameter test pin shall be engaged and separated once to measure the withdrawal force. The engagement and separation forces shall meet the limits specified in the Detail Specification.

#### 8.2 GOLD PLATE POROSITY

The contacts shall be placed in a clean glass container. A solution of 1 part of concentrated nitric acid (specific gravity: 1.42) and 1 part distilled water at a temperature of  $+25 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  shall be poured over the contacts. No bubbles shall emanate from the contact surfaces within 15 seconds from application of the solution.

#### 8.3 PRE-ENCAPSULATION INSPECTION

Prior to assembly, the different elements of components shall be inspected in accordance with the requirements of ESCC Basic Specification No. 20500.

#### 8.4 THERMAL CYCLING

The components shall be subjected to Test 'Na' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-14. The number of cycles shall be 5 with 30 minutes at each temperature extreme, except that the lower and upper temperatures shall be  $-30$  and  $+100^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively.

#### 8.5 VIBRATION CYCLING

The components shall be subjected to Vibration in accordance with Para. 8.9 except for the following:

- The number of cycles shall be 3 (1 in each of the 3 directions).
- The electrical continuity during testing shall not be monitored.
- The final electrical measurements shall not be performed.

8.6 ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS

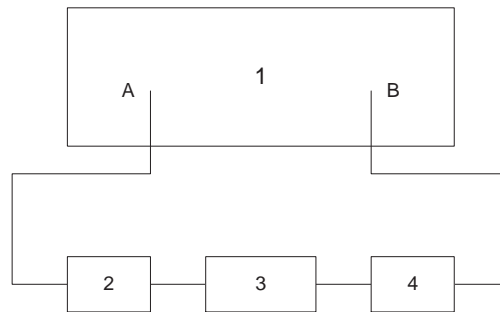
8.6.1 General

Unless otherwise specified in the Detail Specification, the following measurements shall be made in still air, free space and at the standard atmospheric conditions.

8.6.1.1 Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR) (Attenuators and Loads)

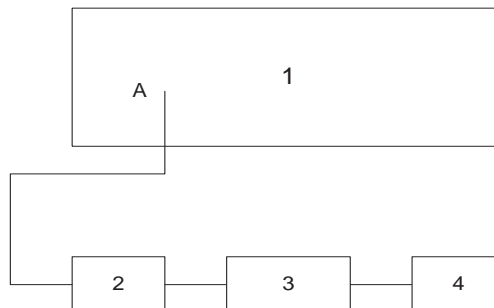
The VSWR shall be measured in accordance with the test set-up shown below.

VSWR TEST SET-UP (2 PORTS)  
(ATTENUATORS ONLY)



1. Vector network analyser with RF generator and S parameter test set.
2. Cable assembly.
3. Device under test.
4. Cable assembly.

VSWR TEST SET-UP (1 PORT)  
(ATTENUATORS OR LOADS)



1. Vector network analyser with RF generator and S parameter test set.
2. Cable assembly.
3. Device under test.
4. Precision termination (reflection coefficient better than 0.017 (-35dB) in the test frequency range).

**NOTE:** 4 is only required for the testing of Attenuators.

Unless otherwise specified, VSWR shall be measured either across the full frequency range as specified in the Detail Specification by a swept frequency technique or at equally spaced fixed frequencies (7 minimum) across the frequency range. VSWR shall be measured at both ends for Attenuators. The measured values shall not exceed the limits given in the Detail Specification.



#### 8.6.1.2 *Attenuation (Attenuators Only)*

Attenuation shall be measured in accordance with the same 2 port test set-up as used for VSWR or equivalent. Unless otherwise specified, Attenuation shall be measured either across the full frequency range as specified in the Detail Specification by a swept frequency technique or at equally spaced fixed frequencies (7 minimum) across the frequency range. The measured values shall not exceed the limits given in the Detail Specification.

#### 8.6.1.3 *Resistance (Loads Only)*

This measurement shall be made as specified in the Detail Specification.

#### 8.6.2 Parameter Drift Values

At each of the relevant data points during Screening Tests, Parameter Drift Values shall be measured as specified in the Detail Specification. All values obtained shall be recorded against serial numbers and the parameter drift calculated.

#### 8.6.3 High and Low Temperatures Electrical Measurements

High and Low Temperatures Electrical Measurements shall be performed as specified in the Detail Specification. All values obtained shall be recorded against serial numbers. Unless otherwise specified measurements shall be performed on a sample of 2 components with 0 failures allowed. Alternatively a 100% inspection may be performed.

#### 8.6.4 Room Temperature Electrical Measurements

Room Temperature Electrical Measurements shall be performed as specified in the Detail Specification. All values obtained shall be recorded against serial numbers.

#### 8.6.5 Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements

At each of the relevant data points during Qualification and Periodic Tests Intermediate and End-point Electrical Measurements shall be performed as specified in the Detail Specification. All values obtained shall be recorded against serial numbers and the parameter drift calculated, if specified.

#### 8.7 BURN-IN

Unless otherwise specified the components shall be subjected to a high temperature storage with zero power applied for a period of 168 (+24 -0) hours as specified in Burn-in in the Detail Specification.

After removal from the test chamber the components shall be visually examined and there shall be no evidence of damage.

The data points for electrical measurements, as specified in Parameter Drift Values in the Detail Specification, are at 0 hours and T (+24 -0) hours (where T is the specified duration).

#### 8.8 EXTERNAL VISUAL INSPECTION AND DIMENSION CHECK

External Visual Inspection shall be performed in accordance with ESCC Basic Specification No. 20500.

Dimension Check (during Special In-Process Controls only) shall be performed in accordance with ESCC

Basic Specification No. 20500 and the Detail Specification on a sample of 3 components. If a failure occurs the complete lot shall be checked.

## 8.9 VIBRATION

### 8.9.1 Mounting

The components shall be mechanically connected to the vibration generator either directly or by means of a fixture. Mounting fixtures shall enable the components to be vibrated in 3 mutually perpendicular axes in turn, which should be so chosen that faults are most likely to be revealed. If the component is provided with specific means of mounting, they shall be used as specified in the Detail Specification and any additional restraining straps should be avoided. Unless otherwise specified, components not provided with specific means of mounting shall be clamped by the body. If external connections, necessary for measuring and supply purposes, are specified in the Detail Specification, they should add the minimum restraint and mass.

### 8.9.2 Procedure

The components shall be subjected to Test 'Fc' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-6, Procedure B4, sweep frequency: 10-2000-10 Hz. The entire frequency range of 10 to 2000Hz and return to 10Hz shall be traversed in 10 minutes. This cycle shall be performed 12 times in each of the 3 directions (i.e. 36 times in total), so that the motion is applied for a total period of approximately 6 hours. The vibration amplitude shall be 1.5mm (20g)(total displacement).

After Vibration, the components shall be visually inspected and there shall be no evidence of damage.

### 8.9.3 Electrical Measurements

After Vibration electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits. If parameter drift is specified initial measurements also shall be performed.

During the last cycle in each direction, an electrical measurement shall be made to determine intermittent contact of 0.5ms or longer duration, or open or short circuiting.

## 8.10 SHOCK

### 8.10.1 Mounting

The components shall be mechanically connected to the shock machine either directly or by means of a fixture. Mounting fixtures shall enable the components to be subjected to shocks in 3 mutually perpendicular axes in turn, which should be so chosen that faults are most likely to be revealed. If the component is provided with specific means of mounting, they shall be used as specified in the Detail Specification and any additional restraining straps should be avoided. Unless otherwise specified, components not provided with specific means of mounting shall be clamped by the body. If external connections, necessary for measuring and supply purposes, are specified in the Detail Specification, they should add the minimum restraint and mass.

### 8.10.2 Procedure

The components shall be subjected to Test 'Ea' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-27. Unless otherwise specified in the Detail Specification, the following conditions shall apply:

- Shape of shock pulse: Half-sine
- Peak acceleration: 100g.
- Duration of pulse: 6ms.

- Number of shocks: 18 (3 shocks in each direction along the 3 perpendicular axes of the test specimen).

After Shock, the components shall be visually inspected and there shall be no evidence of damage.

#### 8.10.3 Electrical Measurements

After Shock electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits. If parameter drift is specified initial measurements also shall be performed.

### 8.11 RAPID CHANGE OF TEMPERATURE

#### 8.11.1 Procedure

The components shall be subjected to Test 'Na' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-14. The number of cycles shall be 10 with 30 minutes at each storage temperature extreme as specified in the Detail Specification.

#### 8.11.2 Recovery and Visual Inspection

The duration of recovery shall be  $24 \pm 2$  hours at room Temperature conditions. After recovery, the components shall be visually examined and there shall be no evidence of damage.

#### 8.11.3 Electrical Measurements

After recovery electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits. If parameter drift is specified initial measurements also shall be performed.

### 8.12 CLIMATIC SEQUENCE

#### 8.12.1 Dry Heat

The components shall be subjected to Test 'Ba' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-2. Duration: 2 hours. Maximum operating temperature as specified in the Detail Specification. While still at the specified high temperature and at the end of the period of high temperature, electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits.

#### 8.12.2 Damp Heat, Accelerated, First Cycle

Unless otherwise specified in the Detail Specification, the components shall be subjected to Test 'D' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-30 for one cycle of 24 hours. After recovery, the components shall be subjected immediately to the Cold test.

#### 8.12.3 Cold

The components shall be subjected to Test 'Aa' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-1. Duration: 2 hours. Minimum operating temperature as specified in the Detail Specification. While still at the specified low temperature and at the end of the period of low temperature, electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits.

#### 8.12.4 Low Air Pressure

The components shall be subjected to Test 'M' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-13 under the following conditions.

- 1 or 2 minutes at 85mbar.
- Temperature: +15 to +25°C.

Rated DC power as specified in the Detail Specification shall be applied to one end of the Attenuator under test while the other end shall be connected to a matched fixed coaxial load, for 1 to 2 minutes immediately after the pressure of 85mbar has been attained.

When Loads are tested alone, rated DC power shall be applied directly.

#### 8.12.5 Damp Heat, Accelerated, Remaining Cycles

The components shall be subjected to Test 'D' of IEC Publication No. 68-2-4 for 5 cycles of 24 hours.

#### 8.12.6 Recovery and Visual Inspection

After a recovery period of 1 to 24 hours, the components shall be visually inspected and there shall be no evidence of mechanical damage.

#### 8.12.7 Electrical Measurements

After recovery electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits. If parameter drift is specified initial measurements also shall be performed.

### 8.13 COUPLING PROOF TORQUE

The component shall be engaged with its mating counterpart (gauge) and the coupling nut tightened to the torque as specified in the Detail Specification. After 1 minute, the connected pair shall be disconnected. The coupling mechanism shall not be dislodged and the interface dimensions of the component shall remain as specified in the Detail Specification.

### 8.14 MATING AND UNMATING FORCES

#### 8.14.1 Bayonet and Screw Coupling

The component shall be mated with its mating gauge. During the entire mating or unmating cycle (until the component is fully mated or unmated), the necessary torque shall not exceed the value specified in the Detail Specification.

A screw-coupling component is fully mated with its mating gauge when their reference planes coincide.

A bayonet-coupling component is fully mated with its mating gauge when the bayonet studs have passed the detent and their reference planes coincide.

No additional tightening torque shall be applied.

The gauge is a steel jig containing the interface dimensions specified in the Detail Specification.

#### 8.14.2 Push-Pull Coupling

The component under test shall be mated with its mating gauge. During this engaging cycle, the force necessary to fully mate the connectors shall not exceed the value specified in the Detail Specification.

Upon completion of mating, an opposite force necessary for unmating shall be applied. This force shall be within the limits specified.

## 8.15 CONNECTOR REPEATABILITY (ATTENUATORS ONLY)

The components shall be tested for Connector Repeatability. The following details shall apply:

- Perform 10 complete engagements and separations, both ends separately.
- Electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed before and after each engagement and separation. As a minimum Attenuation at 3 frequencies shall be performed (1 from each 1/3 of the rated frequency range).
- Rotate Attenuator through the full 360° with an increment of approximately 36° for each engagement.
- Cleaning of connectors or reshaping of contacts is not permitted during the test sequence.
- Side-thrust shall not be permitted during the test.

## 8.16 OPERATING LIFE

### 8.16.1 Initial Measurements

Electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits.

### 8.16.2 Mounting

The components shall be placed on a rack of insulating material or suspended in the oven. There shall be no undue draught over the components, only natural convection resulting from the hot components may occur.

### 8.16.3 Testing

The components shall be subjected to an Operating Life test of 1000 (+48 -0) hours at the ambient temperature as specified in Operating Life in the Detail Specification.

They shall be tested at rated RF input power as specified in the Detail Specification applied in cycles of 1.5 hours 'on' and 0.5 hours 'off' throughout the test. The 0.5 hours 'off' periods are included in the total test duration. Unless otherwise specified the test frequency shall be 10GHz.

After not less than 1000 hours, the components shall be removed from the chamber and allowed to cool under standard atmospheric conditions prior to final measurements for not less than 1 hour and not more than 2 hours.

The removal from the chamber shall take place at the end of the half-hour 'off' period.

### 8.16.4 Final Measurements

Electrical measurements as specified in Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits.

## 8.17 PERMANENCE OF MARKING

ESCC Basic Specification No. 24800.

## 8.18 RESIDUAL MAGNETISM (GOLD-PLATED WITH COPPER UNDERPLATE VERSION ONLY)

After submission to a magnetic field of 200 gauss, the components shall exhibit a residual magnetism of less than  $20\gamma$  ( $1\gamma = 10^{-5}$  gauss), measured at 3mm from the component.

#### 8.19 RF LEAKAGE

The RF Leakage shall be measured across the full frequency range as specified in the Detail Specification either by a swept frequency technique or at fixed frequencies in steps not exceeding an octave band. As a minimum, 3 frequencies shall be selected (1 from each 1/3 of the rated frequency range).

RF Leakage shall be measured by means of an RF antenna positioned at a distance of 1cm from all points around the component under test.

Rated RF power as specified in the Detail Specification shall be applied to the component during the test in still air and free space at the standard atmospheric conditions.

RF Leakage as specified in the Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall not exceed the specified limits.

#### 8.20 PEAK POWER

The component shall be placed in still air and free space at the standard atmospheric conditions. Rated peak power (DC condition unless otherwise specified) as specified in the Detail Specification shall be applied 10 times to each end of the Attenuators or to the Load for the specified time. The other end of the Attenuator shall be connected to a matched fixed coaxial load. After the component has cooled down to standard inspection conditions, electrical measurements as specified in the Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification shall be performed and shall not exceed the specified limits.

#### 8.21 POWER SENSITIVITY (ATTENUATORS ONLY)

The change in attenuation shall be determined from measurements at rated RF power and the reference power level as specified in the Intermediate and End-Point Electrical Measurements in the Detail Specification.

#### 8.22 CORROSION

The components mated with protective connectors shall be submitted to this test in accordance with IEC Publication No. 68-2-11 for a duration of 48 hours. After exposure, they shall be washed, shaken and lightly brushed and then allowed to dry at +40°C for 24 hours. The components shall then be inspected. No base metal shall be exposed.

### 9. DATA DOCUMENTATION

#### 9.1 GENERAL

For the qualification, qualification maintenance and procurement for each lot a data documentation package shall exist in a printed or electronic form.

This package shall be compiled from:

- (a) Cover sheet (or sheets).
- (b) List of equipment (testing and measuring).
- (c) List of test references.
- (d) Special In-Process Controls data (Chart F2).
- (e) Screening Tests data (Chart F3).
- (f) Qualification and Periodic Tests data including Lot Validation Testing Data (when applicable) (Chart F4).

- (g) Failed components list and failure analysis report (when applicable).
- (h) Certificate of Conformity.

Items (a) to (h) inclusive shall be grouped, preferably as subpackages and, for identification purposes, each page shall include the following information:

- ESCC Component Number.
- Manufacturer's name.
- Lot identification.
- Date of establishment of the document.
- Page number.

Whenever possible, documentation should preferably be supplied in electronic format suitable for reading using a compatible PC. The format supplied shall be legible, durable and indexed. The preferred storage media are 3 1/2 inch diskettes or CD-ROMs and the preferred file formats are ASCII or PDF.

#### 9.1.1 Qualification and Qualification Maintenance

In the case of qualification or qualification maintenance, the items listed in Para. 9.1(a) to (h) are required.

#### 9.1.2 Component Procurement and Delivery

For all deliveries of components procured to this specification, the following documentation shall be supplied:

- (a) Cover sheet (if all of the information is not included on the Certificate of Conformity).
- (b) Certificate of Conformity (including range of delivered serial numbers).

#### 9.1.3 Additional Documentation

The Manufacturer shall deliver additional documentation containing data and reports to the Orderer, if required in the Purchase Order.

#### 9.1.4 Data Retention/Data Access

If not delivered, all data shall be retained by the Manufacturer for a minimum of 5 years during which time it shall be available for review, if requested, by the Orderer or the ESCC Executive (for qualified components).

#### 9.2 COVER SHEET(S)

The cover sheet(s) of the data documentation package shall include as a minimum:

- (a) Reference to the Detail Specification, including issue and date.
- (b) Reference to the applicable ESCC Generic Specification, including issue and date.
- (c) ESCC Component Number and the Manufacturers part type number.
- (d) Lot identification.
- (e) Range of delivered serial numbers.
- (f) Number of the Purchase Order.
- (g) Information relative to any additions to this specification and/or the Detail Specification.
- (h) Manufacturer's name and address.
- (i) Location of the manufacturing plant.
- (j) Signature on behalf of Manufacturer.
- (k) Total number of pages of the data package.



### 9.3 LIST OF EQUIPMENT USED

A list of equipment used for tests and measurements shall be prepared, if not in accordance with the data given in the PID. Where applicable, this list shall contain inventory number, Manufacturer's type number, serial number, etc. This list shall indicate for which tests such equipment was used.

### 9.4 LIST OF TEST REFERENCES

This list shall include all Manufacturer's references or codes which are necessary to correlate the test data provided with the applicable tests specified in the tables of the Detail Specification.

### 9.5 SPECIAL IN-PROCESS CONTROLS DATA (CHART F2)

A test result summary shall be compiled, showing the total number of components submitted to, and the total number rejected after each of the tests. For Contact Engagement and Separation Forces the measurements shall be recorded.

### 9.6 SCREENING TESTS DATA (CHART F3)

A test result summary shall be compiled showing the total number of components submitted to and the total number rejected after each of the tests. For each test requiring electrical measurements the results shall be recorded against component serial number. Component drift calculations shall be recorded for each specified test against component serial number.

### 9.7 QUALIFICATION AND PERIODIC TESTS DATA (CHART F4)

#### 9.7.1 Qualification Testing

A test result summary shall be compiled showing the components submitted to and the number rejected after each test in each subgroup. Component serial numbers for each subgroup shall be identified. For each test requiring electrical measurements the results shall be recorded against component serial number. Where a drift value is specified during a test the drift calculation shall be recorded against component serial number.

#### 9.7.2 Periodic Testing for Qualification Maintenance

A test result summary shall be compiled showing the components submitted to and the number rejected after each test in each subgroup. Component serial numbers for each subgroup shall be identified. For each test requiring electrical measurements the results shall be recorded against component serial number. Where a drift value is specified during a test the drift calculation shall be recorded against component serial number.

In addition to the full test data a report shall be compiled for each subgroup of Chart F4 to act as the most recent Periodic Testing summary. These reports shall include a list of all tests performed in each subgroup, the ESCC Component Numbers and quantities of components tested, a statement confirming all the results were satisfactory, the date the tests were performed and a reference to the full test data.

#### 9.7.3 Lot Validation Testing

A test result summary shall be compiled showing the components submitted to and the number rejected after each test in each subgroup (as applicable). Component serial numbers for each subgroup shall be identified. For each test requiring electrical measurements the results shall be recorded against component serial number. Where a drift value is specified during a test the drift calculation shall be recorded against component serial number.



**9.8**      **FAILED COMPONENTS LIST AND FAILURE ANALYSIS REPORT**

The failed components list and failure analysis report shall provide full details of:

- (a) The reference and description of the test or measurement performed as defined in this specification and/or the Detail Specification during Special In-Process Controls, Screening Tests and Qualification and Periodic Tests.
- (b) The serial number (if applicable) of the failed component.
- (c) The failed parameter and the failure mode of the component.
- (d) Detailed failure analysis (if requested by the ESCC Executive or Orderer).

**9.9**      **CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY**

A Certificate of Conformity shall be established as defined in ESCC Basic Specification No. 20100.

**10.**      **DELIVERY**

For procurement, for each order, the items forming the delivery are:

- (a) The delivery lot.
- (b) The components used for Lot Validation Testing (when applicable), but not forming part of the delivery lot.
- (c) The relevant documentation in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.

In the case of a component for which a valid qualification is in force, all data of all components submitted to Lot Validation Testing shall also be copied, when requested, to the ESCC Executive.

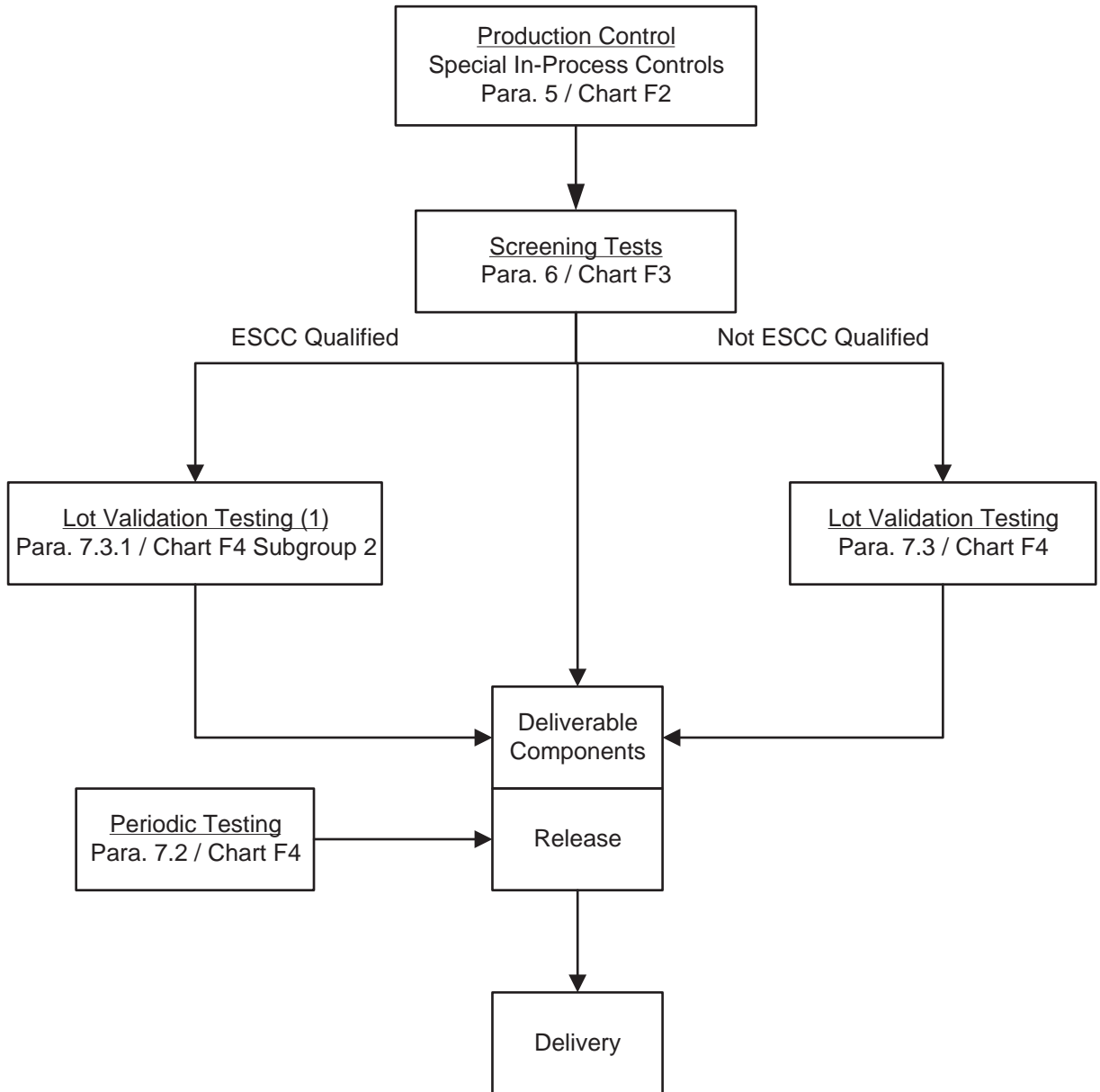
For qualification or qualification maintenance, the disposition of the test lot and its related documentation shall be as specified in ESCC Basic Specification No. 20100 and the relevant paragraphs of Section 9 of this specification.

**11.**      **PACKAGING AND DISPATCH**

The packaging and dispatch of components to this specification shall be in accordance with the requirements of ESCC Basic Specification No. 20600.

12. **CHARTS**

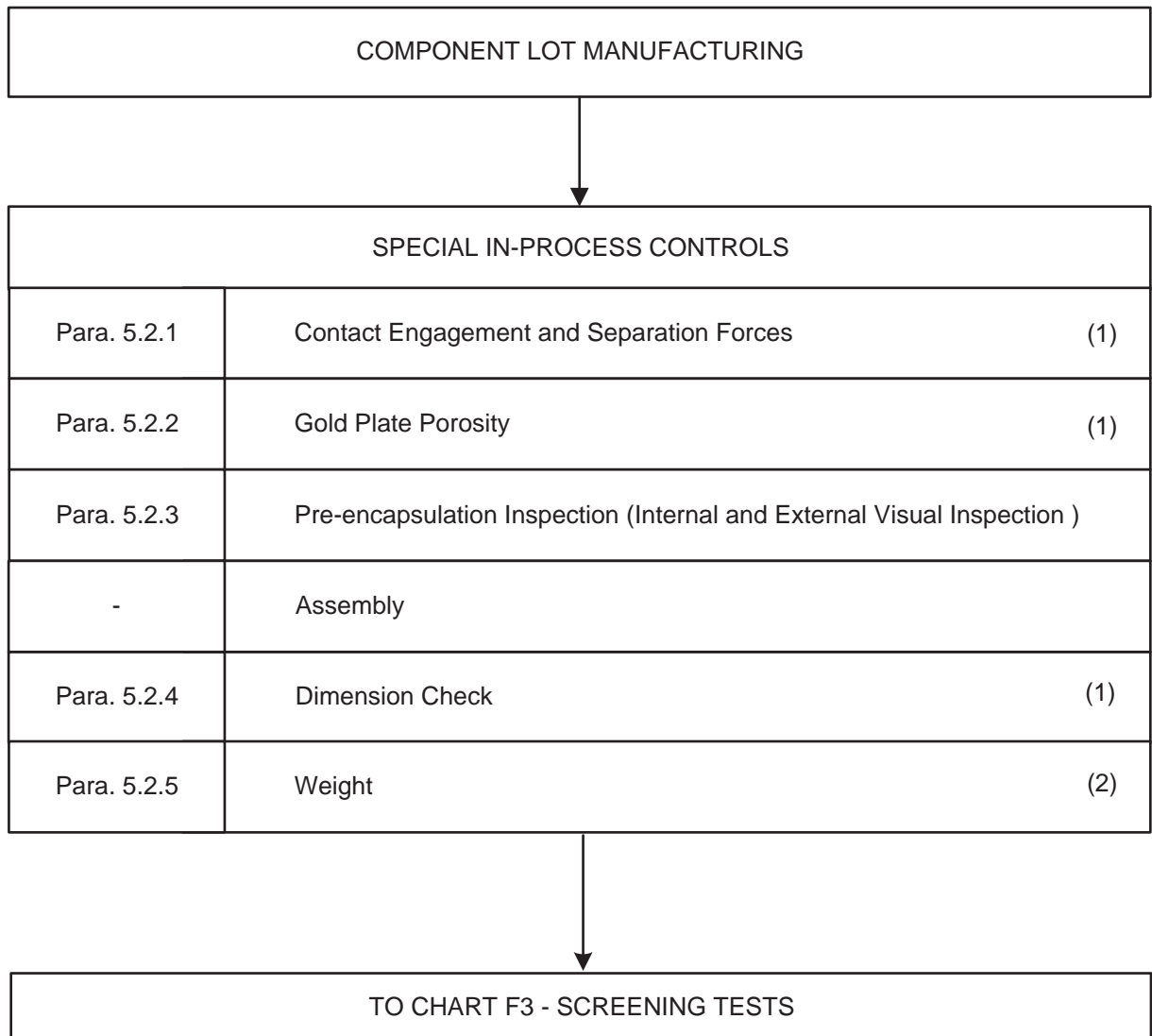
12.1 **CHART F1 - GENERAL FLOW FOR PROCUREMENT**



**NOTES:**

1. Lot Validation Testing is optional for qualified components and shall only be performed if required in the Purchase Order.

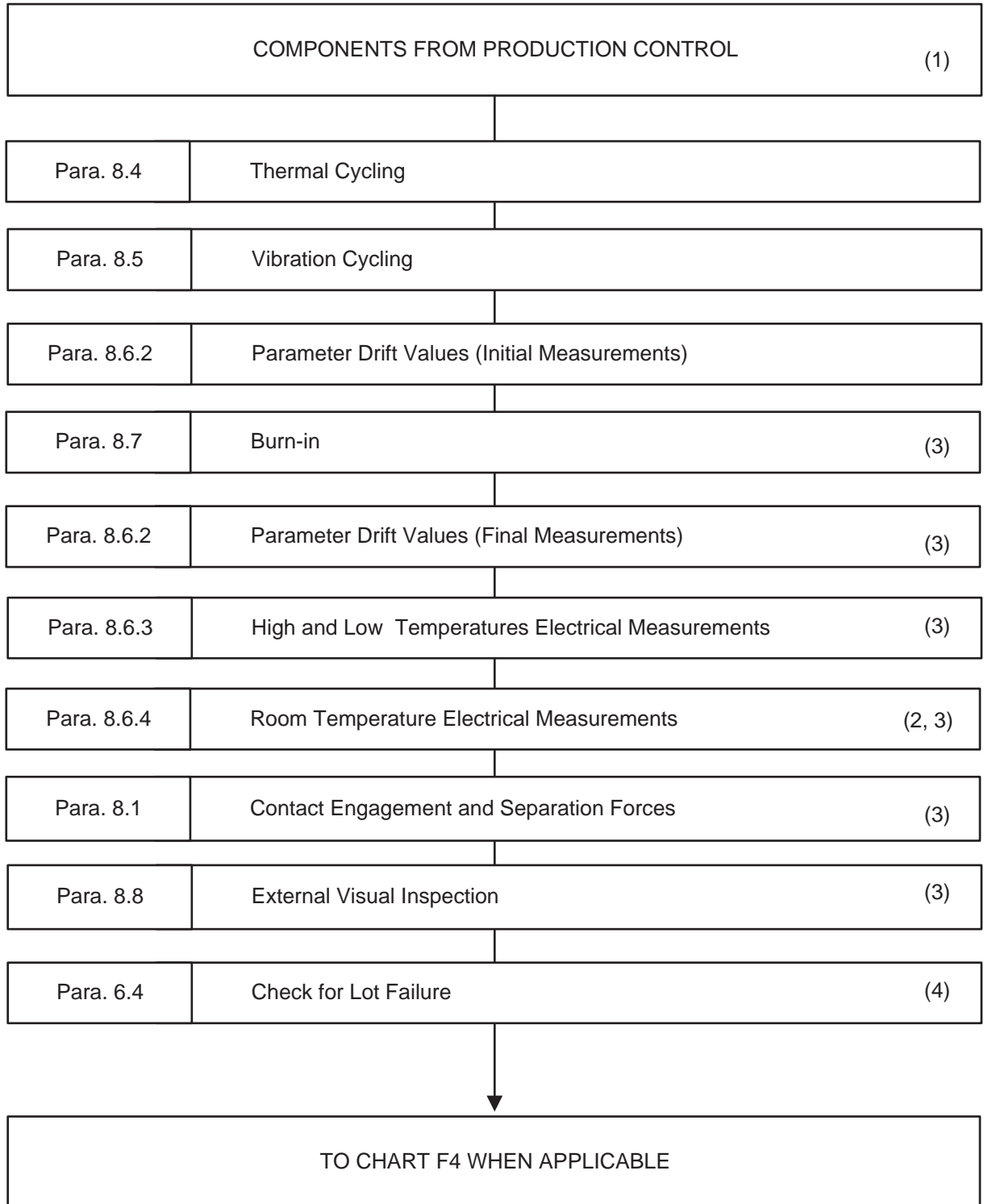
12.2 CHART F2 - PRODUCTION CONTROL



**NOTES:**

1. Performed on a sample basis.
2. Guaranteed but not tested.

12.3 CHART F3 - SCREENING TESTS



**NOTES:**

1. All components shall be serialised prior to Screening Tests.
2. Measurements of Parameter Drift Values need not be repeated in Room Temperature Electrical Measurements.
3. The lot failure criteria of Para. 6.4 apply to this test.
4. Check for Lot Failure shall take into account all failures that may occur during Screening Tests in

accordance with Paras. 8.6.2, 8.6.3, 8.6.4, 8.1, 8.8 subsequent to Burn-in.

12.4 CHART F4 - QUALIFICATION AND PERIODIC TESTS

