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# INSPECTION SOLUTIONS

VERIFYING QUALITY • VALIDATING QUANTITY

## BUSINESS CHALLENGE

With decreasing product life cycles and time-to-market, the challenge to deliver quality products on-time increases. If a product is found not to meet the appropriate quality specifications for the marketplace – either after or late in the production stage – the result can be loss of product and revenues, delayed shipment or wasted materials, and the potential risk of a product recall.

## OUR APPROACH

An inspection is the verification of product quality and quantity to pre-identified specifications before, during or after the production process. Prior to the manufacturing process, raw materials can be inspected to identify if the materials themselves meet specifications. During the manufacturing process, products are inspected at the factory to verify that quality requirements and specifications are being met. After production, goods can be inspected prior to loading and unloading to verify that the approved final product is shipped and received according to the buyer's requirements. Inspections throughout the various stages of production can help both buyers and manufacturers monitor that quality requirements for the product are being met and support on-time delivery of quality products.

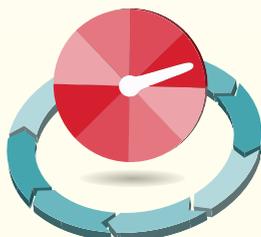


## KEY BENEFITS

An inspection program can assist your company to:



Strengthen and protect your **brand image** and reputation



Improve **performance** of suppliers and product quality to **minimize the risk** of product loss, rejects, charge backs and recalls



Drive **continued improvement** of quality systems and performance to benefit both the buyer and producer



Protect **sales revenue** by helping to prevent late shipments, poor quality, wasted materials or empty shelves

Passed

Failed



Ship to:

Item nr.:

Batch:

Lot:

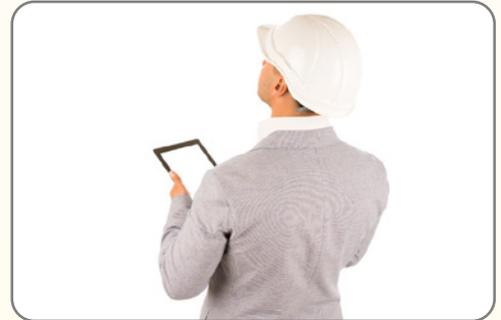
Supplier:



## OUR SOLUTION

With a comprehensive range of inspection services, we can help you better manage risk from product design to store shelf. And we can provide you with technical support to develop your inspections program in a way that can help to minimize risks and costs. Each different type of inspection we offer has a specific objective and benefit. All work together to monitor the quality of products throughout production and shipping. We can work with you to select and customize a program that best meets your needs.

- **Raw Material Incoming:** This is an inspection of raw materials prior to production to verify that the quality specifications for materials are being met. Early in the production process, this inspection can help minimize wasted time, material costs and delayed shipment if specifications are not being met.
- **Initial Production:** With many production processes, much of the production set up is done at the front end to allow the review of product quality requirements before mass production begins. Verifying first run quality requirements can help product consistency and minimize wasted time, scrap product, rework and shipping delays.
- **During Production:** This inspection validates the initial production process has been maintained and that goods being produced continue to meet quality requirements. In the case of new raw materials, new operators, production lines or specification changes, this service can assess if requirements are being met during production.
- **Final Random:** This inspection takes place prior to shipment and assesses whether final product meets all quality specifications (i.e. color, workmanship, label, function, fit, packaging of product, etc.) and can be shipped without delay. The objective of this inspection is to identify any quality defects that would prevent shipment of inadequate product.
- **Loading / Unloading:** This inspection provides witness to the loading and unloading of product to verify that only the inspected and approved final product is shipped and received according to the buyers' requirements.



## FAQ

### What are the top three non-conformances found during the inspection process?

The most frequently found non-conformances for softline, hardline and electrical products are marking and labeling; appearance, and dimension. Other frequent non-conformances include foreign substance, workmanship, packing and bar code.

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