# Setra Systems, Inc.

# **Quality Management System**



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# **Setra's Quality Policy**

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#### 1. Scope

The purpose of this manual is to document the Quality Management System (QMS) for Setra Systems, Inc. which is registered to, and in compliance with the current revision of the ISO 9001 standard.

Setra Systems, Inc. designs, manufactures, and services sensors, weighing systems, low pressure calibrators, monitoring instruments and provides calibration and repair services.

This manual is our primary reference document for all quality related activities and is used to communicate our commitment to quality as well as the effectiveness of our QMS.

Setra's QMS follows the elements of ISO 9001 and references other key documents used in the QMS. Details, where required, are provided by way of procedures which, in some cases, may be associated with approved work instructions.

All activities performed at Setra Systems, Inc. are considered to be within the scope of the QMS and ISO 9001:2015. Our QMS includes all elements of ISO-9001:2015. We have made no exclusions.

Setra is seeking to attain ISO 17025 compliance in the latter half of 2017, as a result this Quality Manual also defines or identifies the policies, procedures and requirements for Setra's compliance with the requirements of ISO 17025 as a calibration laboratory. In some instances, those requirements have not been completely identified or documented in this Quality Manual, but will be addressed in a future revision.

This document is issued under the authority of Setra's Senior Staff and Quality Manager.

#### 1.1 Setra's Quality Policy

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#### 2. Normative references

The following documents were reviewed and/or referenced in the development of this manual. For Reference only:

Document Name IEC 80079-34	<b><u>Title</u></b> EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES – Part 34: Application of quality systems for equipment manufacture
ISO 9001:2015	Quality Management Systems - Requirements
ISO/IEC 17025	General calibration requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
International vocabulary	of metrology – Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)
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	Fortive Standards of Conduct

#### 3. Terms and definitions

<u>Audit</u>: Examination and evaluation of objective evidence, that applicable elements of the quality system are appropriate, have been developed, and effectively implemented in accordance and in conjunction with specified requirements.

<u>Auditee</u>: The organization/department to be audited. Typically the Supervisor or Manager with direct responsibility for the activity audited.

<u>Auditor</u>: Individual or team of individuals who carry out the audit.

<u>Audit Finding</u>: A significant noncompliance or deficiency substantiated by objective evidence.

<u>Audit Observation</u>: A minor deficiency substantiated by objective evidence.

<u>Client</u>: The person or organization requesting the audit. Typically upper management.



<u>Customer</u>: The organization or person that receives a product or service.

<u>Customer Satisfaction</u>: The customer's perception of the degree to which the customer's requirements have been fulfilled.

<u>Document</u>: Information and its supporting medium.

ISO 17025 Accredited Calibration: A calibration conducted to the requirements of the ISO 17025 Standard.

<u>ISO 17025 Accredited Calibration Technician</u>: A Calibration Technician who is approved to perform a calibration to the requirements of the ISO 17025 Standard.

<u>Manufacturing Cell (Measurement Facility)</u>: Work cell that calibrates or performs acceptance measurements on the products listed in Appendix A. Measurement facilities include Final Test Stations and equivalent test stations as required to meet product objectives.

<u>Noncompliance</u>: The nonfulfillment of specified requirements.

<u>Objective Evidence</u>: Qualitative or Quantitative information, records or statements of fact pertaining to the quality of an item or service or to the existence and implementation of a quality system element, which is based on observation, measurement, or test and which can be verified.

<u>Organization</u>: A group of people and facilities with an arrangement of responsibilities, authorities, and relationships.

<u>Quality</u>: The degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfils requirements.

Quality Assurance Program: Quality system specific to Setra.

<u>Quality Audit</u>: A systematic examination of products and systems in order to independently verify compliance to the requirements of the quality system.

<u>Quality System</u>: The collective plans, activities, and events that are provided to ensure that a product, process, or service will satisfy given needs.

<u>Quality System Audit</u>: A documented activity performed to verify, by examination and evaluation of objective evidence, that applicable elements of the quality system are appropriate, have been developed, and effectively implemented in accordance and in conjunction with specified requirements.

<u>Record</u>: Document stating results achieved or providing evidence of activities performed.

<u>Requirement</u>: A need or requirement that is stated, generally implied, or obligatory.

<u>Service Cell (Measurement Facility)</u>: Work cell that provides after sales service on a warranty and non-warranty basis, as well as recalibration service to the customers bi-annual or annual calibration cycle requirement. The Service Technician provides repair service and / or re-calibration performing acceptance measurements on the products listed in Appendix A. Measurement facilities include Final Test Stations and equivalent test stations as required to meet product objectives.

<u>Standards Room (Primary Laboratory)</u>: Calibration laboratory at Setra responsible for maintaining primary reference standards for a particular measurement discipline.

#### 4. Context of the Organization

Setra's Quality Management System (QMS) follows the "Plan-Do-Check-Act" (PDCA) methodology.

- Plan: Determine customer requirements, establish organizational policies, and develop objectives and processes.
- Do: Implement processes.
- Check: Monitor and measure processes and product against pre-determined requirements and objectives.
- Act: Take actions to continually improve process performance.





Plan Do Check Act cycle Figure 1

#### 4.1. Understanding the organization and its context

Setra determines the external and internal issues that are relevant to its purpose and strategic direction and affect its ability to achieve the intended results of its QMS. This is accomplished through, but not limited to the following, Setra tools and processes:

- Strategic planning (Strat Plan)
- Product development (Growth Greenhouse, PPG, APD, etc.)
- Daily management (DM)
- Internal and external audits
- Customer data
- Metrics (SQDIP, CVD, KPI, etc.)
- Management review
- etc.

#### 4.2. Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties

To ensure the organization's ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, Setra determines the interested parties that are relevant to the QMS and the requirements of those interested parties that are relevant to the QMS. Tools such as: VOC, trade show attendance, etc. are used to determine those requirements. Setra monitors and reviews information about these interested parties and their relevant requirements through tools such as: PD, strategic planning, associate survey, etc.

#### 4.3. Determining the scope of the quality management system

Setra determines the boundaries and applicability of the QMS in establishing its scope. Setra considers external and internal issues referred to in section 4.1, the requirements of relevant interested parties referred to in section 4.2 and the products and services it provides to those interested parties.

Setra maintains the scope of the QMS in this document, which covers all products and services provided by Setra.

#### 4.4. Quality management system and its processes

Setra has established, implemented, maintained and continually improves its QMS which insures the following:



- a) The inputs required and the outputs from these processes have been determined,
- b) The sequence and interaction of these processes have been determined,
- c) Criteria and methods are determined to ensure the effective operation and control of these processes,
- d) Ensure that the resources necessary to support the operation and monitoring of the processes are available,
- e) Assign the responsibilities and authorities for these processes,
- f) Address the risks and opportunities as determined in accordance with the requirements of section 6.1,
- g) Evaluate these processes and implement any changes needed to ensure that these processes achieve their intended results,
- h) Improve the processes and the QMS.

To the extent necessary, Setra shall maintain documented information to support the operation of its process and shall retain documented information to have confidence that the processes are being carried out as planned.

#### 5. Leadership

#### 5.1 Leadership and commitment

#### 5.1.1 General

Top management's leadership and commitment to the development, implementation, and improvement of the QMS is indicated in our quality policy / mission statement and our quality objectives.

- a) Taking accountability for the effectiveness of the QMS,
- b) Ensuring that the Quality Policy and Quality Objectives are established for the QMS and are compatible with the context and strategic direction of the organization,
- c) Ensuring the integration of the QMS requirements into the organization's business processes,
- d) Promoting the use of the process approach and risk-based thinking,
- e) Ensuring that the resources needed for the QMS are available,
- f) Communicating the importance of effective quality managements and of conforming to the QMS requirements,
- g) Ensuring that the QMS achieves its intended purpose,
- h) Engaging, directing and supporting persons to contribute to the effectiveness of the QMS,
- i) Promoting improvement,
- j) Supporting other relevant management roles to demonstrate their leadership as it applies to their areas of responsibility.

#### With respect to IEC 80079-34, Setra will:

- a) Comply with IEC 80079-34 EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES Part 34: Application of quality systems for equipment manufacture, and
- b) Identify the Product Manager as the Authorized Person to ensure compliance to IEC 80079-34 EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES Part 34: Application of quality systems for equipment manufacture.

#### 5.1.2 Customer Focus

Top management demonstrates leadership and commitment with respect to customer focus by ensuring that:

- a) Customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements are determined, understood and consistently met,
- b) The risks and opportunities that can affect conformity of products and services and the ability to enhance customer satisfaction are determined and addressed,
- c) The focus on enhancing customer satisfaction is maintained.

Setra will provide advanced notification to customers of changes to items such as company name, facility location, company ownership etc. via the Setra website (www.setra.com).

Setra reserves the right to effect changes to the design and manufacture of Setra products without notification, unless a specific written agreement exists between Setra and the customer purchasing the product.



#### 5.2 Policy

Setra's Quality Policy has been developed by top management and is displayed throughout the facility, demonstrating our commitment to quality. This policy ensures our commitment to meeting our customer and applicable regulatory and statutory requirements.

The policy is communicated throughout the organization to insure its understanding by all associates. All associates are responsible for understanding and practicing the quality policy.

Top management will insure that the quality policy remains appropriate to the organization and that it provides a solid framework to meet our objectives. The quality policy will be reviewed yearly during the management review process to ensure that it is still relevant and applicable to the organization.

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#### 5.2.1 Establishing the Quality Policy

Top management has established, implemented and maintains a Quality Policy that:

- a) Is appropriate to the purpose and context of the organization and supports its strategic direction,
  - b) Provides a framework for setting quality objectives,
  - c) Includes a commitment to satisfy applicable requirements,
  - d) Includes a commitment to continual improvement of the QMS.

#### 5.2.2 Communicating the Quality Policy

Setra's Quality Policy is:

- a) Available and maintained as documented information,
- b) Communicated, understood and applied within the organization,
- c) Available to relevant interested parties, as appropriate.

Internal communications have been established, which include:

- All Associates Meeting
- Departmental Meetings
- Management Walk Throughs
- Bulletin Boards (visual management boards)
- E-mail Communications
- Employee Surveys and Suggestions
- Training Programs
- Internal audit communications
- Key Performance Indicators
- Quality Meetings

#### 5.3 Organizational Roles, Responsibilities and Authority

Top management ensures that the responsibilities and authorities for relevant roles are assigned, communicated and understood within the organization.

Top management has assigned responsibility and authority for:

- a) Ensuring that the QMS conforms to the requirements of the current revision of the ISO 9001 Standard,
- b) Ensuring that the process are delivering their intended outputs,
- c) Reporting on the performance of the QMS and on opportunities for improvement, as indicated in section 10.1, in particular to top management,
- d) Ensuring the promotion of customer focus throughout the organization,
- e) Ensuring that the integrity of the QMS is maintained when changes to the QMS are planned and implemented.

The following chart provides a depiction of the organizational structure of key Setra personnel who are involved in developing, implementing, communicating, and maintaining the QMS.



# **Quality Management System**



<u>Note</u>: Subject to change without notice, contact HR to verify Figure 2

The following list provides an overview of the roles and quality responsibilities of top management: President / General Manager

- Makes final decision of the company's matters and direction of growth
- Formulates the quality policy
- Initiates and supervises the quality system
- Provides resources necessary to maintain the system
- Identifies and generates new strategic directions for the company
- Reviews the QMS at planned intervals

Sales & Marketing

- Assists customers with application-specific needs
- Conducts market research and analysis to establish the desired quality characteristics of products
- Establishes functional specifications of products and associated services (product briefs)
- Advertises and promotes company's products emphasizing their quality aspects
- Monitors the quality of competitors
- Carries out contract and order reviews
- Provides customer liaison and service
- Handles customer complaints

Engineering

- Benchmarks competitors' products
- Develops new technology
- Prepares functional product specifications from market research or customer-specified requirements
- Designs new products, processes and manufacturing equipment
- Initiates design reviews



- Verifies and tests the designs using design qualification tests
- Monitors and reviews the Engineering and Manufacturing pilot runs
- Assists manufacturing engineering and production as necessary

**Documentation Control** 

- Prepares formal documentation and control drawings for the manufacturing process
- Maintains a controlled access system of master documentation
- Coordinates an ECR driven system that permits changes to documentation under approval guidelines

Manufacturing Engineering & Production

- Determines production personnel and equipment requirements
- Controls and monitors processes
- Maintains production equipment
- Administers storage areas
- Prepares production plans
- Dispositions discrepant material Purchasing, Receiving and Inspection
- Selects qualified sub-suppliers and sub-contractors unless otherwise specified by Engineering (for no sub-parts)
- Prepares and approves purchasing documents
- Monitors and assesses sub-supplier performance
- Handles non-conforming sub-supplier parts
- Maintains inspection records

#### Finance

- Coordinates financial activities
- Generates and maintains financial information for the company

Quality

- Establishes and maintains the quality management system/plans
- Audits implementation of the quality system
- Initiates requests for and follows up on corrective actions
- Maintains and calibrates measuring and test equipment
- Carries out sub-supplier quality surveys and audits
- Performs inspections and testing of sub-supplier parts in accordance with the quality plans
- Processes orders for customer repairs and re-certification
- Collects product field reliability data
- Performs servicing
- Drives Quality Improvement
- Trains organization on quality improvement tools

#### 5.3.1 Responsibility and Authority for IEC 80079-34 certified product

Top management has identified the Product Manager as the Authorized Person to ensure compliance to IEC 80079-34, which includes the following:

- a) The effective coordination of activities with respect to equipment intended for use in explosive atmospheres,
- b) The liaison with the issuer of the Ex certificate (when not issued by the manufacturer) with respect to any proposed change to the design defined in the Ex certificate and the technical documentation,
- c) The liaison with the body responsible for the verification of the quality system with respect to intended updating of the quality system,
- <u>NOTE 1</u>: It is not practicable for the manufacturer to inform the body responsible for the verification of the quality system each time the quality system is updated. It is only practicable to inform them of "substantial" updating of the quality system relevant to the type of protection. Similarly, it is not practicable to specify in general terms what types of updating are or are not "substantial". It is therefore recommended that the manufacturer should inform the body responsible for the verification of the quality system on any update of the quality system having consequences on product compliance.
- d) The authorization of initial approval and changes to related drawings, where appropriate,



- e) The authorization of concessions,
- f) The customers' information of any applicable specific conditions of use and any schedules of limitations,
- <u>NOTE 2</u>: Certificate numbers with a suffix X contain specific conditions of use. Component certificates numbers, (with a suffix U) may contain schedules of limitations.
- <u>NOTE 3</u>: For each Ex certificate, it is recommended that an authorized person(s) is (are) appointed who should have responsibility and authority for the above activities so providing an unambiguous focal point within the manufacturer.
- g) The reviewing of Ex certificate and technical documentation and identifying any changes that effect product compliance with the certificate.

#### 5.3.2 Responsibility and Authority as it pertains to ISO 17025 (3, 4.1, 4.2)

This document is the Setra Systems Inc. ISO 17205 Compliance manual. Setra Systems was founded in 1967 and incorporated under the laws of the state (Commonwealth of Massachusetts, USA). In 2001, Setra was acquired by Danaher Corporation, a publicly owned company. On July 1, 2016, Danaher created Fortive, which is now Setra's parent company. For the purposes of this document, all references to legal or marketing Setra entities will be referred to as Setra.

For products listed in Appendix A that require accredited calibrations, it is the responsibility of Setra to carry out its testing and calibration activities in such a way as to meet the requirements of this handbook and to satisfy the needs of the customer, the regulatory authorities or organizations providing recognition. For non-accredited calibrations Setra shall comply with this document, but non-accredited calibrations are not required to fully comply with Sections 5.4.6 (Estimation of uncertainty of measurement), 5.6 (Measurement traceability) and the reporting requirements of 5.10 (Reporting the results) of the ISO 17025 Standard.

This management system covers work carried out at Setra's permanent laboratory facilities, at sites away from its permanent facilities, or in associated temporary or mobile facilities.

Setra's Engineering and Operations organizations supports ISO 17025 accredited calibrations. There are no conflicts of interest involving both calibration services and manufacturing and / or services involving calibration.

For the purposes of ISO 17025, Setra has:

- a) Designated managerial and technical personnel who, irrespective of other responsibilities, have the authority and resources needed to carry out their duties, including the implementation, maintenance and improvement of the management system or the procedures for performing calibrations, and to initiate actions to prevent or minimize such departures;
- b) Arrangements to ensure that its management and personnel are free from any undue internal and external commercial, financial and other pressures and influences that may adversely affect the quality of their work;
- c) Policies and procedures to ensure the protection of its customers' confidential information and proprietary rights, including procedures for protecting the electronic storage and transmission results;
- d) Policies and procedures to avoid involvement in any activities that would diminish confidence in its competence, impartiality, judgment or operational integrity;
- e) Defined the organization and management structure of the laboratory, its place in the parent organization and relationships between quality management, technical operations, and support services;
- f) Specified the responsibility, authority and interrelationships of all personnel who manage, perform or verify work affecting the quality of the calibrations;
- g) Provided adequate supervision of calibration staff, including trainees, by person familiar with methods and procedures, purposes of each calibration, and with the assessment of the calibration results;
- h) Technical management designated which has overall responsibility for the technical operations and the provision of the resources needed to ensure the required quality of the operation of the laboratory. Technical management may be a separate function from personnel management;
- i) Appointed a staff member as quality manager (however named) who, irrespective of other duties and responsibilities, shall have defined responsibility and authority for ensuring that the management system related to quality is implemented and followed at all times. The quality manager shall have direct access to the highest levels of management at which decisions are made on policy or resources;
- j) Appointed deputies for the technical and quality manager;



k) Ensured that its personnel are aware of the relevance and importance of their activities and how they contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the management system.

<u>NOTE</u>: Individuals may be assigned more than one function and it may be impractical to appoint duties for every function.

Top management ensures that appropriate communication processes are established and that communication takes place regarding the effectiveness of the management system. This includes an annual management review of the Quality Management System as it pertains to the calibration laboratory.

Management System

Setra has established, implemented and maintained a management appropriate to the scope of its activities. Setra documents its policies, systems, programs, procedures and instructions to the extent necessary to assure the quality of the calibration results. The system's documentation shall be communicated to, understood by, available to, and implemented by the appropriate personnel.

Objectives for the management system are established and reviewed during a management review. The quality policy statement is described in section 1.2 of this document, and always includes the following requirements:

- a) Management's commitment to good professional practice and to the quality of its calibration service to customers;
- b) Management's statement of the standard of service;
- c) The purpose of the management system related to quality;
- d) A requirement that all personnel concerned with calibration activities within the calibration laboratory familiarize themselves with the quality documentation and implemented policies and procedures in their work;
- e) Management's commitment to comply with ISO 17025 and to continually improve the effectiveness of the management system.

ISO 17025 Chart To Be Determined Figure 3

Top management provides evidence of commitment to the development and implementation of the management system and to continually improving its effectiveness.

Top management communicates to the organization the importance of meeting customer requirements as well as statutory and regulatory requirements.

The structure of documentation of the management system supports the corporate structure and is defined as follows:



a) Level 1 QSD: The Level 1 document that establishes general IEC 80079-34, ISO9001, ISO 17025 requirements in order for Setra to comply with the requirements of the various standards;



- b) SOP's: Standard Operating Procedures that describe how to comply with particular portions of the various standards;
- c) Work Instructions: Documents that are related to a particular task associated with compliance to the various standards;
- d) Indexes: Documents that describe the path to compliance documents for particular sections of the various standards.

#### 6. Planning

#### 6.1 Actions to address risks and opportunities

When planning for the QMS, the organization considers the issues referred to in section 4.1 and determines the risks and opportunities that need to be addressed to:

- a) Give assurance that the QMS can achieve its intended results,
- b) Enhance desirable effects,
- c) Prevent, or reduce, undesired effects,
- e) Achieve improvement.

#### The organization plans:

- a) Actions to address these risks and opportunities,
- b) How to:
  - 1) Integrate and implement the actions into the QMS processes (see section 4.4),
  - 2) Evaluate the effectiveness of these actions.

Actions taken to address risks and opportunities are proportionate to the potential impact on the conformity of products and services.



Figure 5



<u>Note 1</u>: Options to address risks can include avoiding risk, taking risk in order to pursue opportunity, eliminating the risk source, changing the likelihood or consequences, sharing the risk, or retaining risk by informed decision.

<u>Note 2</u>: Opportunities can lead to the adoption of new practices, launching new products, opening new markets, addressing new customers, building partnerships, using new technology and other desirable and viable possibilities to address the organization's or its customers' needs.

#### 6.2 Quality objectives and planning to achieve them

The organization has established quality objectives at relevant functions, levels and processes for the QMS.

The quality objectives shall:

- a) Be consistent with the Quality Policy,
- b) Be measurable,
- c) Take into account applicable requirements,
- d) Be relevant to conformity of products and services and to the enhancement of customer satisfaction,
- e) Be monitored,
- f) Be communicated,
- g) Be updated as appropriate.

The organization maintains documented information on the quality objectives.

When planning how to achieve its quality objectives, the organization determines:

- a) What will be done,
- b) What resources will be required,
- c) Who will be responsible,
- d) When it will be completed,
- e) How the results will be evaluated.

#### 6.3 Planning of changes

When the organization determines the need for changes to the QMS, the changes are carried out in a planned manner (see section 4.4).

The organization considers:

- a) The purpose of the changes and their potential consequences,
- b) The integrity of the QMS,
- c) The availability of resources,
- d) The allocation or reallocation of responsibilities and authorities.

#### 7. Support

#### 7.1 **Resources**

#### 7.1.1 General

The organization determines and provides the resources needed for the establishment, implementation, maintenance and continual improvement of the QMS.

The organization considers:

- a) The capabilities of, and constraints on, existing internal resources,
- b) What needs to be obtained from external providers.

#### 7.1.2 People

The organization determines and provides the persons necessary for the effective implementation of its QMS and for the operations and control of its processes.

#### 7.1.3 Infrastructure

The organization determines, provides and maintains the infrastructure necessary for the operation of its processes and to achieve conformity of products and services.



Note: Infrastructure can include:

- a) Buildings and associated utilities,
- b) Equipment, including hardware and software,
- c) Transportation resources,
- d) Information and communication technology.

Setra ensures that buildings and workspaces are clean, safe to work in, and that all equipment critical to the quality of the product we produce is identified, monitored, maintained, and stored appropriately.

Preventive maintenance will be scheduled and performed on key infrastructure and process equipment that effects product quality. Preventive maintenance cycles are based on, but are not limited to, manufacturer's recommendations, intended use of equipment, company experience/data, nonconforming material reports, or employee suggestion.

Records of preventive maintenance will be maintained either in hard copy or electronic format.

#### 7.1.4 Environment for operation of processes

The organization determines, provides and maintains the environment necessary for the operation of its processes and to achieve conformity of products and services.

<u>Note</u>: A suitable environment can be a combination of human and physical factors, such as:

- a) Social (e.g. non-discriminatory, clam, non-confrontational),
- b) Psychological (e.g. stress-reducing, burnout prevention, emotionally protective),
- c) Physical (e.g. temperature, heat, humidity, light, airflow, hygiene, noise).

#### 7.1.5 Monitoring and measuring resources

#### 7.1.5.1 General

The organization determines and provides the resources needed to ensure valid and reliable results when monitoring or measuring is used to verify the conformity of products and services to requirements.

The organization shall ensure that the resources provided:

- a) Are suitable for the specific type of monitoring and measurement activities being undertaken,
- b) Are maintained to ensure their continuing fitness for their purpose.

The organization retains appropriate documented information as evidence of fitness for purposes of monitoring and measurement resources.

#### 7.1.5.2 Measurement traceability

When measurement traceability is a requirement, or is considered by the organization to be an essential part of providing confidence in the validity of measurement results, measuring equipment shall be:

- a) Calibrated or verified, or both, at specified intervals, or prior to use, against measurement standards traceable to international or national measurement standards; when no such standard exists the basis used for calibration or verification shall be retained as documented information,
- b) Identified in order to determine their status,
- c) Safeguarded from adjustments, damage or deterioration that would invalidate the calibration status and subsequent measurement results.

The organization determines if the validity of previous measurement results has been adversely affected when measuring equipment is found to be unfit for its intended purpose and shall take appropriate action as necessary.

#### **7.1.5.2.1 Control, calibration, and maintenance of inspection, measuring, and test equipment** This section applies to all measuring and test equipment used within Setra. Associated documents include:

- ISO 17025 Standard
- InstNum.doc Assigning an Instrument Number (IN) for a Transducer Transfer Standard
- Outsideapproval.doc Approval of outside Calibration Sources



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The Quality Manager shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a program for the calibration of all standards and M&TE used in the production of product, which is in compliance with the requirements of ISO-9001:2015 and ISO 17025.

Privately owned M&TE shall not be allowed for production usage unless it is under calibration control. Any rental equipment shall be verified to be under calibration control if used for production.

Supervisors shall be responsible to see that personnel in their area understand that "out of calibration" equipment, and references that do not have a valid tamper proof sticker, shall not to be used. Area supervisors shall also be responsible for maintaining a system than ensures that discrepant equipment is identified and submitted for repair or recalibration.

Any equipment that shows evidence of improper handling or use shall be reported to the Quality Manager or Area Supervisor for appropriate corrective action.

Area Supervisors and/or Engineers shall be responsible for ensuring that all new equipment requiring calibration (an Instrument ID Number) is delivered to the Test Equipment Technician. The Test Equipment Technician shall assign an Instrument Number, enter the unit into Setra's calibration system where appropriate, and ensure that the unit has a valid calibration if required.

Standards and M&TE used for calibration shall be a minimum of four times more accurate than the tolerances allowed for the unit being calibrated.

Any equipment that must be calibrated with a standard that is less than four times more accurate shall be documented. An "Exceptions List" shall be maintained by the Quality Department and shall include:

- Equipment Manufacturer
- Model Type
- Reason for reduced accuracy of standard
- Standard to be used
- Accuracy of standard to be used
- Date Authorized

Where traceability to an international or national standard is not available, Setra shall use any of the following methods:

- Participate in a suitable program of interlaboratory comparisons or proficiency testing
- Use an internationally accepted standard in the field concerned
- Refer to suitable reference materials
- Perform ratio or reciprocity-type measurements

• Use mutual consent standards, which are clearly specified and mutually agreed upon by all parties concerned The measurement and the method chosen shall be documented in an "Exceptions List".

#### CALIBRATION INTERVALS AND RELIABILITY GOALS

The initial calibration interval shall be based on Instrument Calibration Categories and/or manufacturer's recommendation. New categories shall have calibration intervals based on the manufacturer's recommendations. The current categories and their initial calibration intervals are listed in this section.

Calibration intervals will be monitored quarterly, and may be adjusted as appropriate, by the Quality Manager. The overall goal is to achieve 95% reliability. The interpretation of this is that 95% of the equipment will be in tolerance when checked. The Quality Manager shall have the authority to deem M&TE Standards unreliable. They may specify that the equipment either be scrapped or given restricted usage status.

#### RECALL SYSTEM

A positive recall system shall be established to allow for the identification of any equipment due, or overdue for calibration. The recall system shall contain, at a minimum: equipment ID, equipment type, equipment location, calibration interval, calibration date, and calibration due date, and name of person performing calibration. The



Quality Department shall use the recall system to periodically notify other departments when equipment is due for calibration.

#### CALIBRATION PROCEDURES

Calibration procedures shall be available for all measurement and test equipment, as well as standards used in production. Calibration procedures shall be located on the Setra Intranet from the M&TE Home Page and shall be identified by instrument category. Calibration procedures shall specify the following:

- Test equipment and standards to be used
- What is to be tested and how
- Acceptable limits
- Any special conditions of the test

Equipment manufacturer's instructions may be used without rewriting them.

At each calibration, the history of the equipment shall be reviewed for past problems, trends in wear, etc., that may suggest future problems with the equipment. If anything of concern is seen then the Calibration Technician should review it with the Quality Manager.

#### CALIBRATION RECORDS

The Quality Department shall maintain records for all calibrations performed. Calibration records shall include, as a minimum:

- Identity of any standards and equipment used
- Calibration Date
- Initials
- As-received data
- Final as-calibrated data
- Any corrective actions taken
- Record of any observed or reported failure symptoms
- As-received condition (working, not working, unreliable, etc.) of the unit

#### CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

All calibration certificates and reports for Setra Systems M&TE shall contain the following information as a minimum:

- Identity of any standards and equipment used
- Date
- Identification of the person accepting responsibility for the content of the certificate or report
- As-received data
- Final as-calibrated data
- Corrective actions taken
- Record of any observed or reported failure symptoms
- As-received condition (working, not working, unreliable, etc.) of the unit
- Procedure used
- Printed copies of calibration data shall state "Do not reproduce the calibration report except in full"

#### **OUT OF TOLERANCE CONDITIONS**

Any equipment found out of tolerance in calibration shall have a "Failure Report" completed. A copy of the report shall be given to the Area Supervisor and to the Quality Manager. The Quality Manager shall decide the appropriate disposition. The disposition shall contain, at a minimum:

- Any change in calibration interval
- Determination of affected product, type and quantity. Equipment that is significantly out of tolerance (greater than 50% of tolerance) must include this item
- Disposition of affected product
- Corrective actions such as a change in the calibration interval

A final copy of this form shall be maintained in the calibration history record for the equipment.



#### CALIBRATION LABELS

Where possible, all M&TE and standards shall have a calibration status label attached. The calibration label shall contain, at a minimum:

- Date of calibration
- Due date of the next calibration
- Initials of the individual who performed the calibration

Where it is not convenient to label the actual instrument due to size or operational constraints, either the instrument case shall be labeled or the calibration sticker (with a reference to the instrument number) or a copy of the calibration certificate shall be held in the area where the equipment is used. In these instances, the item shall be uniquely identified so that it is traceable to its calibration label or certificate.

Any test, measuring, recording or other equipment in Manufacturing that does not require calibration will be labeled as such. Any operator accessible control or adjustment that can affect the calibration of a piece of equipment shall have a tamperproof seal on it. Any unit found with a damaged seal shall be immediately taken out of production usage, and not used until the calibration status has been verified and the seal fixed or replaced.

#### **OUTSIDE CALIBRATION SOURCES**

All outside calibration sources used by Setra shall be competent in their ability to test and/or calibrate specified equipment using standard, non-standard, or laboratory-developed methods. Upon return of the equipment, the Quality Department will review the information and initial and date the certificate or report if acceptable.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS**

Most M&TE used within Setra is designed to be used within a standard building environment without extraordinary temperature or humidity controls.

Only the dead weight testers located within Setra's Standards Room require a controlled operating environment. These are operated at  $70^{\circ}$  +/-  $5^{\circ}$  F. This data is included in the calibration record of the pressure transfer standards calibrated on this equipment.

All other M&TE and standards will be stored and maintained per manufacturer's instructions or good industry practices. It is the responsibility of the Area Supervisor to assure proper training in the usage and storage of M&TE.

Category Number	Category	Calibration Interval (years)
040	Accelerometer Secondary Standards	1
060	Calipers	1
080	Capacitance Meters	1
081	Gap Meter	1
100	Capacitance Standards	1.5
130	Countersink Gages	1
140	Counters	1
160	Current/Voltage Converters	1
180	Depth Gauges (see category 480)	NA
210	Dial Indicators	1
230	Dowel Gauges	NA
240	Electromagnetic Test Chambers	1
250	Error Boxes	1
260	Exciter Controller	2
300	Gauge Blocks	1
320	Hardness Testers	1
330	Laminar Flow Stations/Particle Counters	1
340	Calibrated Leaks	1
350	Illuminance Meter	1

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360	Limit Gauges (Go/No-Go)	1
380	Hypot Tester	1
420	Manometers	1
480	Micrometers	1
490	Slides (Optical Length Standards)	2
510	Oscilloscopes	1
540	Ovens	1
580	Pressure Primary Standards	1
650	Pressure Secondary Standards	1/2
660	Pressure Transducers	1
670	Radius Gauges	NA
720	Scales	1
740	Strip Chart Recorders	NA
750	Temperature Gauges	1
765	Test Box	1
770	Torque Gages	1
780	Thread Gauges	2
800	Vacuum Gauges	1
810	Power Supplies	1
820	Voltage Calibrators	1
840	Voltage Standards	1
860	Voltmeters, Digital (formerly 760)	1
880	Multimeters	1
920	X-Y Recorders	1
930	Weight Set, Standards	1
940	Weight Sets, Pressure	1
960	Weight Sets, Scales	1
980	Wire Gauges	1
PC/CTS	Computer Test Stands	1

#### 7.1.6 Organizational knowledge

The organization determines the knowledge necessary for the operation of its processes and to achieve conformity of products and services.

This knowledge is maintained and made available to the extent necessary.

When addressing changing needs and trends, the organization considers its current knowledge and determines how to acquire or access any necessary additional knowledge and required updates.

<u>Note 1</u>: Organizational knowledge is knowledge specific to the organization; it is generally gained by experience. It is information that is used and shared to achieve the organization's objectives.

<u>Note 2</u>: Organizational knowledge can be based on:

- a) Internal sources (e.g. intellectual property, knowledge gained from experience, lessons learned from failures and successful projects, capturing and sharing undocumented knowledge and experience, the results of improvements in processes, products and services),
- b) External sources (e.g. standards, academia, conferences, gathering knowledge from customers or external providers).

#### 7.2 Competence

The organization:

- a) Determines the necessary competence of persons doing work under its control that affects the performance and effectiveness of the QMS,
- b) Ensure that these are component on the basis appropriate education, training, or experience,



- c) Where applicable, take actions to acquire the necessary competence, and evaluate the effectiveness of the actions taken,
- d) Retains appropriate documented information as evidence of competence.

<u>Note</u>: Applicable actions can include, for example, the provisions of training to, the mentoring of, or the reassignment of currently employed persons; or the hiring or contracting of competent persons.

All employees that perform tasks that affect product quality (e.g. management, production, and/or verification) shall be competent in their ability to perform those tasks. Competency is based on education, training, skills, and/or experience. This is the responsibility of the department managers, in cooperation with Human Resources and Quality.

#### 7.3 Awareness

The organization ensures that persons doing work under the organization's control are aware of:

- a) The Quality Policy,
- b) Relevant quality objectives,
- c) Their contribution to the effectiveness of the QMS, including the benefits of improved performance,
- d) The implications of not conforming with the QMS requirements.

Human Resources has identified and documented required company-wide awareness training programs, including but not limited to:

- Company policies, expectations and benefits
- Setra Systems on-boarding orientation including QMS awareness
- Documentation of educational, external certifications and training records
- Identification of government and legal requirements

As required, the Quality Manager will provide training to all Associates on the basic requirements of ISO-9001:2015, Setra's QMS and Quality Policy.

Each functional group is responsible for establishing the following objectives and insuring that there is a sufficient level of resources available to implement and maintain the QMS:

- Position and job descriptions
- Identify and define the tasks necessary to conduct the assigned job or task
- Assess competency required
- Identify any applicable regulatory and customer requirements
- Insure that employees have the necessary education, training, skills, and experience for the tasks required
- Provide training or take other actions to achieve necessary competence
- Evaluate effectiveness of training
- Insure that employees are aware of the relevance and importance of their activities and how they contribute to the objectives of the organization
- Maintain records of employee education, qualifications, skills, experience, and training

#### 7.4 Communication

The organization determines the internal and external communications relevant to the QMS, including:

- a) On what it will communicate,
- b) When to communicate,
- c) With whom to communicate,
- d) How to communicate,
- e) Who communicates.

#### 7.5 **Documented Information**

#### 7.5.1 General

The organization's QMS includes:

- a) Documented information required by ISO 9001:2015,
- b) Documented information determined by the organization as being necessary for the effectiveness of the QMS.



<u>Note</u>: The extent of documented information for a QMS can differ from one organization to another due to:

- The size of the organization and its type of activities, processes, products and services
- The complexity of processes and their interactions
- The competence of persons

#### 7.5.2 Creating and Updating

When the organization creates and updates documented information, it ensures appropriate:

- a) Identification and description (e.g. a title, date, author, or reference number),
- b) Format (e.g. language, software version, graphics) and media (e.g. paper, electronics),
- c) Review and approval for suitability and adequacy.

#### 7.5.3 Control of Documented Information

Documented information required by the QMS and the ISO 9001:2015 Standard is controlled to ensure:

- a) It is available and suitable for use, where and when it is needed,
- b) It is adequately protected (e.g. from loss of confidentiality, improper use, or loss of integrity).

For the control of documented information, the organization addresses the following activities, as applicable:

- a) Distribution, access retrieval and use,
- b) Storage and preservation, including preservation of legibility,
- c) Control of changes (e.g. version control),
- d) Retention and disposition.

		Application /	Responsible	Minimum
Records Matrix	Indexing	Storage Location	Department	Retention
Contract Review Records	SO Number	JDE	<b>Customer Service</b>	6 years
Corrective Action Request	CAR Number	CAWeb	Quality	5 years
Custom Business Opportunity	CBO Number	SFDC	Product Mgmt	5 years
Customer Repair Records	SR Number	JDE	<b>Customer Service</b>	5 years
Design Change Records	TG4, TG5	Network Drive	Engineering	5 years
Design Input Records	TG2	Network Drive	Engineering	5 years
Design Review Records	All TG	Network Drive	Engineering	5 years
Design Validation Records	TG5	Network Drive	Engineering	5 years
Design Verifications Records	TG4	Network Drive	Engineering	5 years
Document Change Notice	File Name	Network Drive	Engineering	5 years
Engineering Change Orders	ECO Number	Network Drive	Engineering	10 years
Final Inspection Records (Cal. Cert.)	Serial Number	GENTTS	Quality	5 years
Incoming Inspection Records	Part Number	Files	Quality	5 years
Internal Quality Audit Reports	Audit Number	Network Drive	Quality	3 years
Maintenance Records	Equipment ID	Simplicity	Facilities	1 years
Management Review Records	Date	Network Drive	Quality	3 years
M&TE Calibration Records	ID Number	Network/File	Quality	3 years
Policy Deployment (PD) Meeting	Date	Network Drive	FBSL Admin	3 years
Preventive Action Records (Kaizen)	DBS	Network Drive	FBSL Admin	5 years
Purchase Orders	P.O. Number	JDE	Sourcing	6 years
Purchase Order Receipt Records	Date	JDE	Sourcing	6 years
Supplier Corrective Action Request	SCAR Number	CAWeb	Quality	5 years
Supplier Qualification	Supplier	Network Drive	Sourcing	5 years
Temporary Deviation Notices	TDN Number	Network Drive	Engineering	10 years
Test Software Verification	<b>Release Number</b>	Network Drive	Engineering	2 years
Training Records	Product Cell	Network Drive	Departmental	5 years

All Records are Electronic, unless otherwise noted as "File".

On a case-by-case basis, longer retention periods may apply due to regulatory requirements.



Documented information of external origin determined by the organization to be necessary for the planning and operation of the QMS is identified as appropriate and controlled.

Documented information retained as evidence of conformity is protected from unintended alterations.

<u>Note</u>: Access can imply a decision regarding the permission to view the documented information only, or the permission and authority to view and change the documented information.

#### 7.5.4 Control of Documented Information as it pertains to ISO 17025 (4.3)

Setra has established and maintained procedures to control all documents that form part of its management system (internally generated or from external sources), such as regulations, standards, other normative documents, calibration methods, as well as drawings, software, specifications, instructions and manuals. (Document Control homepage link: http://hm.box.icgna.com/kb/DOCCTRL/Doc2.htm)

Document Approval and Issue: All documents issued to personnel in the calibration laboratory as part of the management system are reviewed and approved for use by authorized personnel prior to use. A document control procedure identifying the current revision status and distribution of documents in the management system is established and readily available to preclude the use of invalid and/or obsolete documents.

The procedure ensures that:

- Only authorized editions of appropriate documents are available where operations essential to the effective functioning of the calibration laboratory are performed;
- Documents are periodically reviewed and, where necessary, revised to ensure continuing suitability and compliance with applicable requirements;
- Invalid or obsolete documents are promptly removed from all point of issue or use, or otherwise assured against unintended use;
- Obsolete documents retained for either legal or knowledge preservation purposes are suited marked.

Management system documents are uniquely identified. Such identification includes the date of issue and/or revision identification, page numbering, the total number of pages or a mark to signify the end of the document, and the issuing authority(ies).

Document Changes

- Changes to a document are reviewed and approved by the same function that performed the original review unless specifically designated otherwise. Access to pertinent background information upon which to base their review and approval is provided to the designated personnel.
- Where practical, the altered or new text is identified in the document or the appropriate attachment.
- Setra's document control system allows for the amendment of documents by hand pending the reissue of the documents, the procedure and authorities for such amendments are defined. Amendments are clearly marked, initialed and dated. A revised document is formally reissued as soon as practicable. (reference: "Guidelines for Marked-Up Drawings" Document: 3C0028.doc)
- Established procedures describe how changes in documents maintained in computerized systems are made and controlled.

#### 7.5.5 Control of Records as it pertains to ISO 17025 (4.3)

Setra has established and maintained procedures for identification, collection, indexing, access, filing, storage, maintenance and disposal of quality and technical records. Quality records include reports from internal audits and management reviews as well as records of corrective and preventive actions.

All records are legible and stored and retained in such a way that they readily retrievable in facilities that provide a suitable environment to prevent damage or deterioration and to prevent loss. Retention times of records are established in accordance with the corporate retention policy.

All records are held secure and in confidence.



Setra has procedures to protect and back up records stored electronically and to prevent unauthorized access to or amendment of those records.

Setra retains records of original observations, derived data and sufficient information to establish an audit trail, calibration records, staff records and a copy of each calibrations certificate issued, for a defined period. The records for each calibration contain sufficient information to facilitate, if possible, identification of factors affecting the uncertainty and to enable the calibration to be repeated under conditions as close as possible to the original. The records include the identity of personnel responsible for the sampling, performance of each calibration and checking of results.

Observations, data and calculations are recorded at the time they are made and are identifiable to the specific task.

When mistakes occur in the records, each mistake is crossed out, not erased, made illegible or deleted, and the correct value entered alongside. All such alterations to records are signed or initialed by the person making the correction. In the case of records stored electronically, equivalent measures are taken to avoid loss or change of original data.

#### 8. Operations

#### 8.1 **Operational Planning and Control**

The organization plans, implements and controls the processes needed to meet the requirements for the provision of products and services, and to implement the actions by:

- a) Determining the requirements for the products and services,
- b) Establishing criteria for:
  - 1) The processes,
  - 2) The acceptance of products and services,
- c) Determining the resources needed to achieve conformity to the product and service requirements,
- d) Implementing control of the processes in accordance with the criteria,
- e) Determining, maintaining and retaining documented information to the extent necessary:
  - 1) To have confidence that the processes have been carried out as planned,
    - 2) To demonstrate the conformity of products and services to their requirements,

The output of this planning is suitable for the organization's operations.

The organization controls planned changes and reviews the consequences of unintended changes, taking actions to mitigate and adverse effects, as necessary.

The organization ensures that outsourced processes are controlled (see section 8.4).

#### 8.2 **Requirements for Products and Services**

#### 8.2.1 Customer Communication

Communications with customers include:

- a) Providing information relating to products and services,
- b) Handling enquires, contracts or orders, including changes,
- c) Obtaining customer feedback relating to products and services, including customer complaints,
- d) Handling or controlling customer property,
- d) Establishing specific requirements for contingency actions, when relevant.

#### 8.2.2 Determining the Requirements for Products and Services

When determining the requirements for the products and services to be offered to customers, the organization ensures that:

- a) The requirements for the products and services are defined, including,
  - 1) Any applicable statutory and regulatory requirements,
  - 2) Those considered necessary by the organization,
- b) The organization can meet the claims for products and services it offers.



#### 8.2.3 Review of the Requirements for Products and Services

The organization ensures that it has the ability to meet the requirements for products and services to be offered to customers. The organization conducts a review before committing to supply products and services to a customer, to include:

- a) Requirements specified by the customer, including the requirements for delivery and post-delivery activities,
- b) Requirements not stated by the customer, but necessary for the specified or intended use, when known,
- c) Requirements specified by the organization,
- d) Statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the products and services,
- e) Contract or order requirements differing from those previously expressed.

The organization ensures that contract or order requirements differing from those previously defined are resolved.

The customer's requirements shall be confirmed by the organization before acceptance, when the customer does not provide a documented statement of their requirements.

<u>Note</u>: In some situations, such as internet sales, a formal review is impractical for each order. Instead, the review can cover relevant product information, such as catalogs.

The organization retains documented information, as applicable:

- a) On the results of the review,
- b) On any new requirements for the products and services.

#### 8.2.3.4 Review of Requests, Tenders and Contracts as it pertains to ISO 17025 (4.4)

Setra has established and maintained procedures for the review of requests, tenders and contracts. The policies and procedures for these reviews leading to an order for a product from Appendix A requiring calibration ensure that:

- a) The requirements, including the methods to be used, are adequately defined, documented and understood;
- b) Has the capability and resources to meet the requirements;
- c) The appropriate calibration method is selected and is capable of meeting the customers' requirements.

Any differences between the request or tender and the contract are resolved before any work commences. Each contract shall be accepted both by Setra and the customer.

Records of reviews, including any significant changes, are maintained. Records of pertinent discussions with a customer relating to a customer's requirements or the results of the work during the period of execution of the contract are maintained.

The review pertains to any work that is subcontracted by Setra. This is applicable to calibrations described in Section 4.5.1 of the ISO 17025 Standard.

The customer is informed of any deviation from the contract.

If a contract needs to be amended after work has commenced, the same contract review process is repeated and any amendments communicated to all affected personnel.

#### 8.2.4 Changes to Requirements for Products and Services

The organization ensures relevant documented information is amended, and that relevant persons are made aware of the changed requirements, when the requirements for products and services are changed.

#### 8.3 **Design and Development of Products and Services**

#### 8.3.1 General

The organization established, implemented and maintains a design and development process that is appropriate to ensure the subsequent provision of products and service.

#### 8.3.2 Design and Development Planning

In determining the stages and controls for design and development, the organization was considered:

- a) The nature, duration and complexity of the design and development activities,
- b) The required process stages, including applicable design and development reviews,



- c) The required design and development verification and validation activities,
- d) The responsibilities and authorities involved in design and development of products and services,
- e) The internal and external resource needs for the design and development process,
- f) The need to control interfaces between persons involved in the design and development process,
- g) The need for involvement of customers and users in the design and development process,
- h) The requirements for subsequent provisions of products and services,
- i) The level of control expected for the design and development process by customers and other relevant interested parties,
- j) The documented information needed to demonstrate that design and development requirements have been met.

#### 8.3.3 Design and Development Inputs

The organization determines the requirements essential for the specific types of products and services to be designed and developed. The organization considers:

- a) Functional and performance requirements,
- b) Information derived from previous similar design and development activities,
- c) Statutory and regulatory requirements,
- d) Standards or codes of practice that the organization has committed to implement,
- e) Potential consequences of failure due to the nature of the products and services.

Inputs are adequate for design and development purposes, complete and unambiguous.

Conflicting design and development inputs are resolved.

The organization retains documented information on design and development inputs.

#### 8.3.4 **Design and Development Controls**

The organization applies controls to the design and development process to ensure that:

- a) The results to be achieved are defined,
- b) Reviews are conducted to evaluate the ability of the results of design and development to meet requirements,
- c) Verification activities are conducted to ensure that the design and development outputs meet the input requirements,
- d) Validation activities are conducted to ensure that the resulting products and services meet the requirements for the specified application or intended use,
- e) Any necessary actions are determined during the reviews, or verification and validation activities,
- e) Documented information of these activities is retained.

<u>Note</u>: Design and development reviews, verification and validation have distinct purposes. They can be conducted separately or in any combination, as is suitable for products and services of the organization.

#### 8.3.5 Design and Developments Outputs

The organization ensures that design and development outputs:

- a) Meet the input requirements,
- b) Are adequate for the subsequent processes for the provision of products and services,
- c) Verification activities are conducted to ensure that the design and development outputs meet the input requirements,
- d) Include or reference monitoring and measuring requirements, as appropriate, and acceptance criteria.

The organization retains documented information on design and development outputs.

#### 8.3.6 **Design and Development Changes**

The organization identifies, reviews and controls changes made during, or subsequent to, the design and development of products and services, to the extent necessary to ensure that there is no adverse impact on conformity to requirements.

The organization retains documented information on:



- a) Meet the input requirements,
- b) Are adequate for the subsequent processes for the provision of products and services,
- c) Verification activities are conducted to ensure that the design and development outputs meet the input requirements,
- d) Include or reference monitoring and measuring requirements, as appropriate, and acceptance criteria.

#### 8.3.7 Design and Development Process – Toll Gate Stages

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Three categories of product design and development are identified as Engineering Change Order (ECO), Custom Business Opportunity (CBO) and New Product Development (NPD). The respective processes are utilized depending on the scope and nature of the product development activity.

- a) ECO: When a change to an existing product is required due to manufacturing issues, errors in documentation, design improvements, etc., utilize the ECO process. ECO's could include:
  - 1) Specifications and/or drawings that are maintained and describe standard products based on proven and approved designs.
  - 2) Custom designs or design modifications that are maintained based on specified customer requirements and may include special features not required by other customers.
  - 3) When a CBO achieves sufficient sales or recurring sales as to become a standard defined product.
- b) CBO: When an existing product is to be modified or changed to meet specific customer requirements, sales and/or marketing generates a request to enter a new product into the system using the CBO process. CBO products are intended to be special orders. When sufficient sales or recurring sales are observed, the CBO will be converted into a standard product configuration via the ECO process.
- c) NPD: New product development consists of new designs or major design changes, and is controlled and documented using the Toll Gate (TG) process. The TG process is a multiple stage gate development process with defined deliverables and approvals by the Product Planning Group (PPG) required to proceed to the subsequent stage gates.

The level of product development and planning is according to the following process: Customer service refers all nonstandard sales requests to the regional sales manager or applications engineer, who enter the information (if applicable) into the SFDC database. The RM / apps engineer determines if the request is a CBO. If so a CBO is initiated. If not, the top opportunities or unmet needs are referred to the staff level at Growth Greenhouse meeting. At the Growth Greenhouse meeting the GM and his direct reporting staff decide if this opportunity is: a) a CBO, b) a TG new product development activity or, c) is not to be pursued further. If the opportunity is determined to be a TG project, it is referred to PPG for further action. PPG approves new products and is tracked in the PPG Dashboard. The PPG determines, based on the scope of the project, which projects go into the active Toll Gate process. TG projects can, and are more typically, identified as an outcome of strategic planning or other inputs not related specifically via customer service and sales channels. In these cases, the TG process is initiated and brought to PPG to determine feasibility and assign resources.

#### NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

The TG process consists of 5 phases. Each TG consists of a set of unique activities and goals related to the development process.



Figure 6



The individual TGs are designed to ensure development is accomplished in a logical progression, so that the intermediate development results remain on target, the final design meets all product specifications and commercial objectives, the product and manufacturing process are in place to support the QDC targets and the commercialization plan is in place to meet post-launch sales. Specific deliverables are defined for each of the six phases of the TG process. The deliverables are intended to ensure that necessary development activities have been completed and to document the results. At the completion of each toll gate, a review meeting will be held with the PPG to determine if the project is still viable, ready to proceed to the next TG or if further work is required to receive PPG approval.

#### **TOLL GATE DEFINITION & DELIVERABLES**

<u>Toll Gate 1</u>- Project Approval: The purpose of TG1 is to provide the definition of an opportunity to meet the critical customer, market and product need in enough detail to identify possible technical concepts that the business opportunity. The expectation of this TG is to answer the question "Why would Setra go forward with this opportunity?" Upon approval of TG1, the cross functional product development team is identified and the program is active. TG1 specific deliverables include, but are not limited to\*:

Tools / Tasks	Deliverables
Drojact Pagalina	Financial Model
Project baseline	Timeline
	Project Description
Opportunity	Project risks / issues
Opportunity	Target Customers identified
	Window of Opportunity
VOC	Define unmet needs
VOC	VOC plan & preliminary results
	Identify competition
Initial	Key product features identified
Marketing	Target price by market channel
Plan	Required Agency approvals
	Market analysis
Design Concept	Product concept

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<u>Toll Gate 2</u> – Product Specification: The purpose of TG2 is to provide performance specifications (design inputs) derived from market needs and accurate (transparent) financial analysis of the project. This phase will select the top product (or business) concept that meets the performance specifications and provide the first detailed analysis of the schedule, budget and risks within the project. The expectation of this TG is to answer the questions "What, exactly, is needed to fulfill the market / customer unmet need? What is the financial benefit of this opportunity to Setra?" TG2 specific deliverables include, but are not limited to\*:

Tools / Tasks	Deliverables
Schedule	Gantt chart (excel or MS Project)
	Customer requirements (from TG2 Kaizen)
Detailed VOC	Identify target customers
	VOC Plan and results summarized
	TG2 Kaizen (only if it is needed)
	Design concept
	Benchmark competitors – technical
Specification	Benchmark competitors – commercial
Development	Gaps identified between functional marketing requirement spec and
	design spec
	Product Specification
	Identify key features required



### **Quality Management System**

	External process-at-a-glance – what does the customer do to our part upon receipt thru installation
	Develop test plan with inputs from target customers (what is their
	qualification test plan)
	Confirmation VOC from product spec / concept
	Competitive advantage
	Market share analysis
Marketing Strategy –	Customer beta sites identified
Value Prop	Estimate account breakdown in vol/yr
	Customer value statement
	Setra value statement
Mfg Concept	Initial Manufacturing Process
IP	IP Review
	ECCN number identified
Export Compliance	Licenses applied for
Export compnance	Data secure
	Are all team members authorized to work on this project?

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<u>Toll Gate 3</u> – Product Concept: The purpose of TG3 is to provide frozen design specifications of the product that will be manufactured (i.e. software, hardware, user documentation requirements) and to provide documented verification that the design specifications (design outputs) meet the performance specifications (design inputs). This TG will continue to provide detailed analysis of the schedule, budget and risks for the remainder of the project. The expectation of this TG is to answer the question "How, exactly, are we going to meet the product / service needs / requirements and will it perform to expectation?" TG3 specific deliverables include, but are not limited to\*:

Tools / Tasks	Deliverables
Schedule	Gantt chart (excel or MS Project) updated
	POC or Alpha prototype – functional
	Concept design review
	Test high risk issues
Droduct	Finalize design concept
Dosign	Identify required component tooling
Design	Initial design specification sheet (DSS)
	Design 3P – if required
	Initial DFMEA
	ВОМ
	Preliminary process flow diagram
Manufacturing Strategy	ify required equipment
	Manufacturing time and cost estimate
Finance	CAR approval for long lead items
Marketing	Update VOC
Coursing	Identify any new suppliers for the project
Sourcing	Identify & order necessary long lead items
IP	Update IP

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<u>Toll Gate 4</u> – Product Design: The purpose of TG4 is to build a working prototype that represents the product / service we intend to sell. In the event of a product, it is made using the final functionality and components and ideally the production processes – even if the cell is not complete. The prototype is used to verify that the product meets the design input requirements. Prototype units are also used for more extensive field testing, evaluation to test how well



the product meets the customer needs and verification VOC. The expectation of this TG is to answer the question "Can we build it to specifications and will customers buy it?" TG4 specific deliverables include, but are not limited to\*:

Tools / Tasks	Deliverables
Schedule	Gantt chart (excel or MS Project) updated
	Design Review
	BOM finalized
	Confirm product cost
	DFMEA with all high RPNs reduced
	Verification testing completed, countermeasure failures
	Submit ECO to release software / firmware
	Update DSS
Design	Packaging materials designed and approved
Development	Identify component CTOs including shelf life if applicable
	Agency compliance test plan and parts submitted
	Full product validation test plan
	Develop test equipment, procedures and pass/fail criteria for PCBA
	(functional and/or test points)
	Design finalized
	Build production intent prototypes
	Process 3P (if required)
	Order all new equipment
	Complete SW charter and schedule Kaizen
	Cell location and layout
	Critical equipment in-house and set-up
Manufacturing	PFMEA with high RPNs identified
Process	Design calibration / test stand software
Development	Critical fixtures designed
	Process validation and MSA plan
	Finalized Process Flow Man
	PAG (Process-at-a-Glance)
	Product service and renair plan
Finance	CAR approval for balance of capital purchasing
Tinance	All production suppliers selected
	All new suppliers are qualified and set up in IDF
Materials	Contract in place for private label type product if required
Plan	BOM reviewed for Export Compliance
	Parts ordered for production pilot run
	Pre-release samples huilt
	List of target customers identified for pre-release samples
	Visit Rota customers with preliminary release samples
	configuration and P/N matrix
	Undate VOC - documented feedback from sample / pre-release package
Sales &	from customer visits
Marketing	Identify lead time
Marketing	Label design complete
	Complete TC4 activities of Marketing Workbook (P/N datasheet
	onerator manual installation manual etc.)
	Develop sales ramp up / ramp down for inventory control
	Forecast to Matle / Planner
ID	Indata ID
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<u>Toll Gate 5</u> – Product Launch: The purpose of TG5 is to transfer the product from engineering to operations, develop and deliver a consistent and repeatable production and purchasing process and to begin the rollout of the commercialization plan. A pilot production run will be conducted with the product made using the tooled components from production sources and final processes staffed by trained cell associates. This tests the production processes, and provides the opportunity to make necessary corrections and adjustments. The pilot production parts will be used to obtain final compliance certificates, complete validation testing and to verify that market requirements have been met. The expectation of this TG is to answer the questions "Can we build it consistently? Will the financial targets originally established be realized?" TG5 specific deliverables include, but are not limited to:

Tools / Tasks	Deliverables
Cost Summary	Update TG Workbook to reflect final cost / margin
Manufacturing Readiness	Compete work cell set up
	Identify and set up required PM plan on all equipment, fixtures & tooling
	Associate and repair team trained
	Pilot Production Build
	Equipment validated
	Fixtures and tools in place and validated
	SW Kaizen complete
	Define product ID (e.g. serial number, date code) and traceability e.g. end
	product through raw material) requirements - if required
	Kanban and supermarket set up
	QSB 1Q complete and in place (CTQ, procedures, equipment set up, tools
	/ fixtures P/N in place, PM)
	SQDIP and defect marketplace in the cell
	Product review with VS members / cell associates
	Manufacturing spec
	Failure modes in manufacturing database
	Verify >96% FPY
	PFMEA updated and high RPNs reduced
	Training needs plan
	Cell safety audit
Design Wrap-up	Validation testing complete
	PCBA test equipment, procedures and requirements transferred to
	production supplier
	Complete and release the DSS
	Final design ECO released
	IP submitted
	Compliance / agency approvals received
Materials	Inventory on hand to support lead times including labels and packaging
	FAI on 1st production units, CM nonconformances
	Supplier performance tracking in place
	Implement ramp up / ramp down plan
Sales Readiness	Promotion rollout defined
	Complete the Marketing Workbook action plan for TG5
IP	Update IP

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<u>Toll Gate 6</u> – Project Review: The purpose of TG6 is to review the product development process of this particular project and see if there are lessons to improve our process. Commercialization efforts will be reviewed as well as QDC



metrics to verify they are meeting expectations and are on track to realize predicted revenue for this investment. Countermeasures will be developed as necessary. Reviews should be done 3-6-12 months after TG5 sign off. TG6 specific deliverables include, but are not limited to\*:

Tools / Tasks	Deliverables
Q	Quality issues – internal and external PPM
D	On time delivery by month since launch
С	Margin analysis
I	Changes in design that happened during / after TG5
Sales	Sales YTD, projections vs. TG2 estimates
Project Execution	Project lessons learned and CMs by stage
Sustaining	Any open items, newspaper items
Risk	Any open issues from last Risk Assessment tab

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#### PROJECT SCOPING

It is important to realize that all projects that utilize the TG process may not require its full scope and deliverables. Such abridged projects may include product adjacencies that are more involved than CBO projects but already have a sufficient technical building block, market understanding, prior IP history, existing process capability / capacity to warrant less detail. In such a case, a reduced set of deliverables will be agreed to by the VP of Engineering at the beginning of each toll gate subsequent to TG1. It is the responsibility of the TG owner to seek and obtain approval to obviate the need for a deliverable. Deliverables that are not required at the beginning of each TG will be clearly identified in the TG documents.

#### PRODUCT PLANNING GROUP (PPG) AND TOLL GATE (TG) REVIEW / APPROVAL

At the initiation of all TG projects, the PPG determines and allocates teams, resources and leaders for the TG projects. The PPG shall insure that TGs are reviewed for adequacy and completeness and that any requirements that are incomplete, ambiguous, or conflicting are resolved before approving and signing off a new product development TG.

The PPG consists of representatives from the following functional areas.

- General Manager
- VP of Marketing / Sales
- VP of Engineering
- Director of Operations
- Controller

At least one representative from each functional area must be present at all PPG meetings. A nominated alternate may be sent, in the event that the key person cannot attend. All active TG projects will report out top issues to the PPG and corresponding countermeasures.

TG review and approval meetings may be scheduled as separate meetings from PPG meeting and will review the program in detail to ensure compliance to all deliverables. It is the responsibility of the TG owner to schedule these meetings at appropriate time in the product development cycle to ensure issues are raised and appropriate resources assigned to keep the project on time and meeting all targets.

Each TG will have a governing folder on the Setra network and all deliverables will be located in this master folder. Each TG document will have a cover sheet which will be used as a signature approval sheet. A minimum set of documents will be required for any TG review:

- Project Workbook: Contains overall project charter, financial assessment of project and risk assessment, deliverables.
- Timeline: Project Workbook at TG1, action plan / Gantt chart at subsequent TG reviews can be used in addition to the Project Workbook.
- Toll Gate documents: For each TG, there is a defined list of required documents when the project is reviewed. This typically includes a PowerPoint file that includes details for those deliverables that cannot be covered in



a standard template or Project Workbook. In addition, Marketing Workbook and Commercial Workbook are typically covered.

#### 8.4 Control of Externally Provided Processes, Products and Service

#### 8.4.1 General

The organization ensures that externally provided processes, products and services conform to requirements.

The organization determines the controls to be applied to externally provided processes, product and services when:

- a) Products and services from external providers are intended for incorporation into the organization's own products and services,
- b) Products and services are provided directly to the customer(s) by external providers on behalf of the organization,
- c) A process, or part of a process, is provided by an external provider as a result of a decision by the organization.

The organization determines and applies criteria for the evaluation, selection, monitoring of performance, and reevaluation of external providers, based on their ability to provide processes or products or services in accordance with requirements. The organization retains documented information of these activities and any necessary actions arising from the evaluations.

#### 8.4.2 Type and Extent of Control

The organization ensures that externally provided processes, products and services do not adversely affect the organization's ability to consistently deliver conforming products and services to its customers.

The organization:

- a) Ensures that externally provided processes remain within the control of its QMS,
- b) Defines both the controls that it intends to apply to an external provider and those it intends to apply to the resulting output,
- c) Takes into consideration:
  - 1) The potential impact of the externally provided processes, products and services on the organization's ability to consistently meet customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements,
  - 2) The effectiveness of the controls applied by the external provider,
- d) Determine the verification, other activities, necessary to ensure that the externally provided processes, products and services meet requirements.

#### 8.4.3 Information for External Providers

The organization ensures the adequacy or requirements prior to their communication to the external provider.

The organization communicates to external providers its requirements for:

- a) The processes, products and services to be provided,
- b) The approval of:
  - 1) Products and services,
  - 2) Methods, processes and equipment,
  - 3) The release of products and services,
- c) Competence, including any required qualifications of persons,
- d) The external providers' interaction with the organization,
- e) Control and monitoring of the external providers' performance to be applied by the organization,
- f) Verification or validation activities that the organization, or its customers, intends to perform at the external providers' premises.

#### 8.4.4 Subcontracting of Calibrations as it pertains to ISO 17025 (4.5)

Setra does not foresee an event where the calibration of products listed in Appendix A would be subcontracted. If due to unforeseen reasons (e.g., workload, need for further expertise or temporary capacity) or on a continuing basis (e.g., through permanent subcontracting, agency or franchise arrangements) calibration of a product requiring calibration



to the requirements of the ISO 17025 standard is required, then this work is placed with a competent subcontractor. A competent subcontractor is one that, for example, complies with this handbook for the work in question.

a) In the case of when Setra sends work between laboratories where the laboratories have different certificates of accreditation, the requirements of Section 4.5 apply.

Setra advises the customer of the arrangement in writing and, when appropriate, gains the approval of the customer, preferably in writing.

Setra is responsible to the customer for the subcontractor's work, except in the case where the customer or a regulatory authority specifies which subcontractor is to be used.

Setra maintains a register of all subcontractors that it uses for calibrations and a record of the evidence of compliance with this handbook for the work in question.

#### 8.5 **Production and Service Provision**

#### 8.5.1 Control of Production and Service Provision

The organization implements production and service provisions under controlled conditions.

Controlled conditions include information that defines:

- a) The availability of documented information that defines:
  - 1) The characteristics of the products to be produced, the services to be provided, or the activities to be performed,
  - 2) The results to be achieved,
- b) The availability and use of suitable monitoring and measuring resources,
- c) The implementation of monitoring and measurement activities at appropriate stages to verify that criteria for control processes or outputs, and acceptance criteria for products and services, have been met,
- d) The use of suitable infrastructure and environment for the operation of processes,
- e) The appointment of competent persons, including any required qualifications,
- f) The validation, and periodic revalidation, of the ability to achieve planned results of the processes for production and service provision, where the resulting output cannot be verified by subsequent monitoring or measurement,
- g) The implementation of actions to prevent human error,
- f) The implementation of release, delivery and post-delivery activities.

#### PURCHASING OF SERVICES AND SUPPLIES AS IT PERTAINS TO ISO 17025 (4.6)

Setra has a policy and procedure(s) for the selection and purchasing of services and supplies it uses that affect the quality of the calibrations. Procedures exist for the purchase, reception and storage of reagents and laboratory consumable materials relevant for the calibrations.

Setra ensures that purchased supplies and reagents and consumable materials that affect the quality of calibrations are not used until they have been inspected or otherwise verified as complying with standard specifications or requirements defined in the methods for the calibrations concerned. These services and supplies used comply with specified requirements. Records of actions taken to check compliance are maintained.

Purchasing documents for items affecting the quality of laboratory output contain data describing the services and supplies ordered. These purchasing documents are reviewed and approved for technical content prior to release.

Setra evaluates suppliers of critical consumables, supplies and services which affect the quality of calibration, and maintain records of these evaluations and list those approved.

#### 8.5.2 Identification and Traceability

The organization uses suitable means to identify outputs when it is necessary to ensure the conformity of products and services.

The organization identifies the status of outputs with respect to monitoring and measurement requirements throughout production and service provision.



The organization controls the unique identification of the outputs when traceability is a requirement, and retains the documented information necessary to enable traceability.

#### 8.5.3 Property belonging to customers and external providers

The organization exercises care with property belonging to customers or external providers while it is under the organization's control or being used by the organization.

The organization identifies, verifies, protects and safeguards customers' or external providers' property provided for use or incorporation into the products and services.

When the property of a customer or external provider is lost, damaged or otherwise found to be unsuitable for use, the organization reports this to the customer or external provider and retains documented information on what has occurred.

<u>Note</u>: A customer's or external provider's property can include materials, components, tools and equipment, premises, intellectual property and personal data.





#### 8.5.4 Preservation

The organization preserves the outputs during production and service provision, to the extent necessary to ensure conformity to requirements.

<u>Note</u>: Preservation can include identification, handling, contamination control, packaging, storage, transmission or transportation, and protection.

#### 8.5.5 Post-delivery activities

The organization meets requirements for post-delivery activities associated with the products and services.

In determining the extent of post-delivery activities that are required, the organization considers:



- a) Statutory and regulatory requirements,
- b) The potential undesired consequences associated with its products and services,
- c) The nature, use and intended lifetime of its products and services,
- d) Customer requirements,
- e) Customer feedback.

<u>Note</u>: Post-delivery activities can include actions under warranty provisions, contractual obligations such as maintenance services, and supplementary services such as recycling and final disposal.

#### 8.5.6 Control of changes

The organization reviews and controls changes for production or service provision, to the extent necessary to ensure continuing conformity with requirements.

The organization retains documented information describing the results of the review of changes, the person(s) authorizing the change, and any necessary actions arising from the review.

#### 8.6 Release of products and services

The organization implements planned arrangements, at appropriate stages, to verify that product and service requirements have been met.

The release of products and services to the customer does not proceed until the planned arrangements have been satisfactorily completed, unless otherwise approved by a relevant authority and, as applicable, by the customer.

The organization retains documented information on the release of products and services. The documented information includes:

- a) Evidence of conformity with acceptance criteria,
- b) Traceability to the person(s) authorizing the release.

#### 8.7 Control of nonconforming outputs

The organization ensures that outputs that do not conform to their requirements are identified and controlled to prevent their unintended use or delivery.

The organization takes appropriate action based on the nature of the nonconformity and its effect on the conformity of products and services. This also applies to nonconforming products and services detected after delivery of products, during or after the provision of services.

The organization deals with nonconforming outputs in one or more of the following ways:

- a) Correction,
- b) Segregation, containment, return or suspension of provision of products and services,
- c) Informing the customer,
- d) Obtaining authorization for acceptance under concession.

Conformity to the requirements is verified when nonconforming outputs are corrected.

The organization retains documented information that:

- a) Describes the nonconformity,
- b) Describes the actions taken,
- c) Describes any concessions obtained,
- d) Identifies the authority deciding the action in respect of the nonconformity.

#### 8.7.1 Nonconforming material process

The purpose of this section is to provide for a system and instructions, and to assign responsibilities for identification, documentation, and disposition of nonconforming product.

This procedure applies to materials, components, subassemblies, and finished products that are subjected to inspections and/or testing. This procedure directly concerns the Quality function, and is indirectly relevant to Receiving, Storage, Production, and Shipping functions.



#### **IDENTIFICATION**

Receiving inspectors and production associates are responsible for identifying nonconforming products in the course of their inspection activities. In addition, all other associates are encouraged to watch for and identify nonconforming products regardless of their other responsibilities.

Once identified, nonconforming product shall be segregated and identified as appropriate to prevent inadvertent use.

Production associates shall contact the cell lead when nonconformities are identified.

#### NONCONFORMITY REVIEW AND DISPOSITION

The Manufacturing Engineer shall review the nonconformity and determine disposition. Nonconforming products may be:

- Reworked/Repaired to meet original specified requirements
- Accepted "As-Is", without customer concession if the discrepancy does not affect form, fit, function, regulatory or customer requirements
- Regraded for alternative applications, including using as is with customer acceptance if form, fit, function, regulatory or customer requirements are affected
- Scrapped

When required by contract, the client shall be contacted for concession to accept a nonconforming product or the proposed repairs that would affect the product's quality.

#### **REINSPECTION**

Repaired or reworked products shall be reinspected to verify that they comply with the same requirements as originally specified, unless a product is regraded and a new specification applies. Regraded products are clearly marked to identify their new status.

#### RECORDS OF NONCONFORMING PRODUCT

Cell leads are responsible for recording the nature of nonconformities in the appropriate area of the manufacturing database.

Records of actions taken, including any concessions granted, will be created and maintained by the Quality Manager.

The Receiving Inspector and Quality Engineer are responsible for recording identified nonconformities of received product into the inspection database.

#### PRODUCT RECALL

When shipped product has been determined to be nonconforming, the Quality Manager, or designee, shall:

- a) Initiate a meeting with representation from engineering, manufacturing, marketing, materials, operations, and sales, as required, to determine:
  - The issue
  - Extent (serial number/date code range, number of customer affected, etc.)
  - Containment actions
  - Corrective actions
  - Customer notification for product return or replacement
- b) Place the product on shipment hold pending implementation of containment and/or corrective actions.
- c) Information, such as meeting notes, product shipment history, containment and/or corrective actions, etc. pertaining to the product recall shall be retained on the Setra's network drive (G:\groups\QC\Product RECALLS- Stop work orders folder).

<u>PRODUCT RECALL - PERTAINING TO IEC 80079-34</u> (Explosive atmospheres – Part 34: Application of quality systems for equipment manufacture)

Subclause 8.3 of ISO 9001:2008 applies, with the addition shown in 3.6.1:

NOTE 1: One of the purposes of this standard is to prevent nonconforming product being supplied.

In the event that a field recall of nonconforming certified product is required, the Authorized Person shall:



- a) Identify the manufacturer's customers that have been supplied with product not complying with the Ex certificate, and having been supplied;
- b) The manufacturer shall take action, appropriate to the degree of risk, where a nonconforming product has been supplied to a customer;

NOTE 2 It is recommended that the manufacturer liaise with the certification body responsible for the issue of the Ex certificate.

- c) Where an unsafe nonconforming product has been supplied to a customer, the manufacturer shall inform the customer, in writing as well as the body responsible for the verification of the quality system, and the issuer of the Ex certificate;
- d) Where it is not possible to trace the unsafe, nonconforming product (e.g. product supplied via a distributor, or for high volume products such as cable glands) then a notice shall be placed in appropriate publications providing recommended action to be taken;
- e) For all nonconforming product that has been supplied to a customer, the manufacturer shall maintain, for a minimum period of 10 years, records of:
  - Serial numbers or identification of products supplied;
  - The customer who received the product;
  - The action taken to inform customers and the body responsible for the verification of the quality system in the case of unsafe nonconforming product;
  - The action taken to implement corrective and preventative action;
- f) Concessions for the product that take it outside the design, as defined in the Ex certificate and technical documentation, are not permitted.

#### 9. Performance Evaluation

#### 9.1 Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation

#### 9.1.1 General

The organization determines:

- a) What needs to be monitored and measured,
- b) The methods for monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation needed to ensure valid results,
- c) When the monitoring and measuring is performed,
- d) When results from monitoring and measurement is analyzed and evaluated.

The organization evaluates the performance and effectiveness of the QMS.

The organization retains appropriate documented information as evidence of the results.

#### 9.1.2 Customer satisfaction

The organization monitors customers' perceptions of the degree to which their needs and expectations have been fulfilled. The organization determines the methods for obtaining, monitoring and reviewing information.

Setra conducts a Customer Satisfaction Survey. The survey link is included in every order confirmation, customer service representative's signature line on out-going emails, and manually sent after every phone call. The survey link verbiage is as follows:

\*\*\* Please complete our short question survey so that we can better serve you, our valued customer \*\*\* https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Setra

Additionally, Setra's Customer Service group maintains a Daily Management Board which monitors five (5) metrics used to track Customer Satisfaction based on internal process activities. The five metrics are:

- Problem Rack: Customer Returns requiring resolution (Goal:  $\leq$  20 returns not resolved)
- Raw Orders: Raw Orders received but not entered by end-of-day (Goal: ≤ 5 raw orders not entered in JDE)
- Open Inquires: Customer inquiries not resolved by end-of-day (Goal: ≤ 10 inquires not resolved)
- Missed Calls: Customer calls not answered; hang-ups (Goal: 0 missed calls)



• On Holds: Orders On-Hold in JDE at end-of-day (Goal:  $\leq$  50 orders on hold)

<u>Note</u>: Examples of monitoring customer perceptions can include customer surveys, customer feedback on delivered products and services, meetings with customers, market-share analysis, compliments, warranty claims and dealer reports.

#### 9.1.3 Service to the Customer (4.7)

Setra is willingness to cooperate with customers or their representatives in clarifying the customer's request and in monitoring Setra's performance in relation to the work performed, provided that Setra ensures confidentially to other customers.

Setra shall seek feedback, both positive and negative, from its customers. This feedback is used and analyzed to improve the management systems, calibration activities and customer service.

#### **9.1.4 Complaints (4.8)**

Setra has a policy and procedure for the resolution of complaints received from customers or other parties. Records are maintained of all complaints and of the investigations and corrective actions taken by Setra.

#### 9.1.5 Analysis and evaluation

The organization analyses and evaluates appropriate data and information arising from monitoring and measurement.

The results of analysis are used to evaluate:

- a) Conformity of products and services,
- b) The degree of customer satisfaction,
- c) The performance and effectiveness of the QMS,
- d) If planning has been implemented effectively,
- e) The effectiveness of actions taken to address risks and opportunities,
- f) The performance of external providers,
- g) The need for improvements to the QMS.

<u>Note</u>: Methods to analyze data can include statistical techniques.

#### 9.2 Internal Audit

The organization conducts internal audits at planned intervals to provide information on whether the QMS:

- a) Conforms to:
  - 1) The organization's own requirements for the QMS,
  - 2) The requirements of the International Standard,
- b) Is effectively implemented and maintained.

The organization:

- a) Plans, establishes, implements and maintains an audit program including the frequency, methods, responsibilities, planning requirements, and reporting, which takes into consideration the importance of the processes concerned, changes affecting the organization, and the results of previous audits,
- b) Defines the audit criteria and scope for each audit,
- c) Selects auditors and conducts audits to ensure objectivity and impartiality of the audit process,
- d) Ensures that the results of the audits are reported to relevant management,
- e) Takes appropriate correction and corrective actions without undue delay,
- f) Retains documented information as evidence of the implementation of the audit program and the audit results.

Note: See ISO 19011 for guidance.

#### 9.2.1 Internal Audits as it pertains to ISO 17025 (4.14)

Setra periodically, and in accordance with a predetermined schedule and procedure (develop audit checklist for ISO 17025 audits), conducts internal audits of its activities to verify that its operations continue to comply with the



requirements of the management system and this handbook. The internal audit program addresses all elements of the management system, including the calibration activities. It is the responsibility of the quality manager to plan and organize audits as required by the schedule and requested by management. Such audits are carried out by personnel trained and qualified for auditing to ISO 17025 and, wherever resources permit, independent of the activity to be audited. The cycle for internal audit will be completed annually.

When audit findings cast doubt on the effectiveness of the operation or on the correctness or validity of calibration results, Setra takes timely corrective action, and notifies customers in writing if investigations show that calibration results may have been affected.

The area of activity audited, the internal audit findings and corrective actions that arise from them are recorded.

Follow-up audit activities verify and record the implementation and effectiveness of the corrective action taken.

#### 9.3 Management review

#### 9.3.1 General

Top management reviews the organization's QMS, at planned intervals, to ensure its continuing suitability, adequacy, effectiveness and alignment with the strategic direction of the organization.

Setra utilizes the FBS (Fortive Business System) which is our proven system for achieving success, by driving our culture and performance, guiding what we do, measuring how well we execute and driving a continuous cycle of change and improvement. A major component of FBS is the monthly PD (Policy Deployment) meeting, where senior staff reviews CVDs (Core Value Drivers), KPIs (Key Process Indicators), and other items that pertain to Setra's QMS which would be covered in an annual QMS Management Review. As such, an annual QMS Review would be redundant, so Setra will schedule QMS updates on a biannual basis within the PD meeting agenda.

#### 9.3.2 Management review inputs

The management review is planned and carried out taking into consideration:

- a) The status of actions from previous management reviews,
- b) Changes in external and internal issues that are relevant to the QMS,
- c) Information on the performance and effectiveness of the QMS, including trends in:
  - 1) Customer satisfaction and feedback from relevant interested parties,
  - 2) The extent to which quality objectives have been met,
  - 3) Process performance and conformity of products and services,
  - 4) Nonconformities and corrective actions,
  - 5) Monitoring and measurement results,
  - 6) Audit results,
  - 7) The performance of external providers,
- d) The adequacy of resources,
- e) The effectiveness of actions taken to address risks and opportunities (see 6.1),
- f) Opportunities for improvement.

#### 9.3.3 Management review outputs

The outputs of the management review include decisions and actions related to:

- a) Opportunities for improvement,
- b) Any need for changes to the QMS,
- c) Resource needs.

The organization retains documented information as evidence of the results of management reviews.

#### 9.3.4 Management review as it pertains to ISO 17025 (4.15)

In accordance with a predetermined schedule and procedure, Setra's top management periodically conducts a review of the management system and calibration activities to ensure their continuing suitability and effectiveness, and to introduce necessary changes or improvements. The Management Review is conducted annually, when the ISO 9000 Management. Where applicable, the review takes account of:



- The suitability of policies and procedures;
- Reports from managerial and supervisory personnel;
- The outcome of recent internal audits;
- Corrective and preventive actions;
- Assessments by external bodies;
- The results of inter-laboratory comparisons or proficiency tests;
- Changes in the volume and type of work;
- Customer feedback;
- Complaints;
- Recommendations for improvement;
- Other relevant factors, such as quality control activities, resources and staffing training.

#### **10.** Improvements

#### 10.1 General

The organization determines and selects opportunities for improvement and implements any necessary actions to meet customer requirements and enhance customer satisfaction

These include:

- a) Improving products and services to meet requirements as well as to address future needs and expectations,
- b) Correcting, preventing or reducing undesired effects,
- c) Improving the performance and effectiveness of the QMS.

<u>Note</u>: Examples of improvement can include correction, corrective action, continual improvement, breakthrough change, innovation and re-organization.

#### **10.2** Nonconformity and corrective action

- When a nonconformity occurs, including any arising from complaints, the organization:
  - a) Reacts to the nonconformity and, as applicable:
    - 1) Take action to control and correct it,
    - 2) Deal with the consequences,
  - b) Evaluates the need for action to eliminate the cause(s) of the nonconformity, in order that it does not recur or occur elsewhere, by:
    - 1) Reviewing and analyzing the nonconformity,
    - 2) Determining the causes of the nonconformity,
    - 3) Determining if similar nonconformities exist, or could potentially occur,
  - c) Implements any action needed,
  - d) Reviews the effectiveness of any corrective action taken,
  - e) Updates risk and opportunities determined during planning, if necessary,
  - f) Makes changes to the QMS, if necessary.

Corrective actions are appropriate to the effects of the nonconformities encountered.

The organization retains documented information as evidence of:

- a) The nature of the nonconformities and any subsequent actions taken,
- b) The results of any corrective action.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION AS IT PERTAINS TO ISO 17025 (4.11)

#### General

Setra has established a <u>policy and a procedure</u> (CAR) and designated appropriate authorities for implementing corrective action when nonconforming work or departures from the policies and procedures in the management system or technical operations have been identified.

#### CAUSE ANALYSIS

The procedure for corrective action starts with an investigation to determine the root cause(s) of the problem.



Selection and Implementation of Corrective Actions as it pertains to ISO 17025

Where corrective action is needed, Setra identifies potential corrective actions. It selects and implements the action(s) most likely to eliminate the problem and to prevent recurrence.

Corrective actions are to a degree appropriate to the magnitude and the risk of the problem.

Setra documents and implements any required changes resulting from corrective action investigations.

#### PREVENTIVE ACTION AS IT PERTAINS TO ISO 17025 (4.12)

Needed improvements and potential sources of nonconformities, either technical or concerning the management system, are identified. When improvement opportunities are identified or if preventive action is required, action plans are developed, implemented and monitored to reduce the likelihood of the occurrence of such nonconformities and to take advantage of opportunities for improvement.

Procedures for preventive actions include the initiation of such actions and application of controls to ensure that they are effective.

#### **10.3** Continual improvement

The organization continually improves the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the QMS.

#### 11. Additional Requirements for ISO 17025 Accreditation

#### 11.1 General

Many factors determine the correctness and reliability of the calibrations performed by a laboratory. These factors include contributions from:

- Human factors (5.2);
- Accommodation and environmental conditions (5.3);
- Calibration methods and method validation (5.4);
- Equipment (5.5);
- Measurement traceability (5.6);
- Sampling (5.7);
- The handling of calibration items (5.8).

The extent to which the factors contribute to the total uncertainty of measurement differs considerably between (types of) calibrations. The laboratory takes account of these factors in developing calibration methods and procedures, in the training and qualification of personnel, and in the selection and calibration of the equipment it uses.

#### **11.2 Personnel**

The laboratory management ensures the competence of all who operate specific equipment, perform calibrations, evaluate results, and sign calibration certificates. When using staff who are undergoing training, appropriate supervision is provided. Personnel performing specific tasks are qualified on the basis of appropriate education, experience and/or demonstrated skills, as required.

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The laboratory uses only personnel who are employed by, or under contract to, the laboratory. Where contracted and additional technical and key support personnel are used, the laboratory ensures that such personnel are supervised and competent and that they work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.

The laboratory maintains current job descriptions for managerial, technical and key support personnel involved on the laboratory.

The management authorizes specific personnel to perform particular types of sampling, and/or calibration, to issue calibration certificates, to give opinions and interpretations and to operate particular types of equipment. The



laboratory maintains records of the relevant authorization(s), competence, educational and professional qualifications, training, skills and experience of all technical personnel, including contract personnel. This information is readily available and includes the date on which authorization and/or competence is confirmed.

#### **11.3** Accommodation and Environmental Conditions

Laboratory facilities for calibration, including but not limited to energy sources, lighting and environmental conditions, facilitate correct performance of the calibrations.

The laboratory ensures that the environmental conditions do not invalidate the results or adversely affect the required quality of any measurement. Particular care is taken when calibrations are undertaken at sites other than a permanent laboratory facility. The technical requirements for accommodation and environmental conditions that can affect the results of calibrations are to be documented.

The laboratory monitors, controls and records environmental conditions as required by the relevant specifications, methods and procedures or where they influence the quality of the results. Due attention is paid, for example, to biological sterility, dust, electromagnetic disturbances, radiation, humidity, electrical supply, temperature, and sound and vibration levels, as appropriate to the technical activities concerned. Calibrations are stopped when environmental conditions jeopardize the results of the calibrations.

Effective separation exists between neighboring areas in which there are incompatible activities. Measures are taken to prevent cross-contamination.

Access to and use of areas affecting the quality of the calibrations are controlled. The laboratory has determined the extent of control based on its particular circumstances.

Measures are taken to ensure good housekeeping in the laboratory. Special procedures are prepared where necessary.

#### **11.4** Test and calibration methods and method validation

#### <u>GENERAL</u>

The laboratory uses appropriate methods and procedures for all calibrations within its scope. These include sampling, handling and transport, storage and preparation of items to be calibrated, and, where appropriate, an estimation of the measurement uncertainty as well as statistical techniques for analysis of calibration data.

The laboratory has instructions on the uses and operation of all relevant equipment, and on the handling and preparation of items for calibration, or both, where the absence of such instructions could jeopardize the results of calibrations. All instructions, standards, manuals and reference data relevant to the work of the laboratory are kept up to date and made readily available to personnel (see 4.3). Deviation from calibration methods occur only if the deviation has been documented, technically justified, authorized, and accepted by the customer.

#### **SELECTION OF METHODS**

The laboratory uses calibration methods, which meet the needs of the customer and which are appropriate for the calibrations it undertakes. Preferably methods published in international, regional or national standards are used. The laboratory ensures that it uses the latest valid edition of a standard unless it is not appropriate or possible to do so. When necessary, the standard is supplemented with additional details to ensure consistent application.

When the customer does not specify the method to be used, the laboratory selects appropriate methods that have been published either in international, regional or national standards, or by reputable technical organizations, or in relevant scientific texts or journals, or as specified by the manufacturer of the equipment. Laboratory-developed methods or methods adopted by the laboratory may also be used if they are appropriate for the intended use and if they are validated. The customer is informed as to the method chosen. The laboratory confirms that it can properly operate standard methods before introducing the calibrations. If the standard method changes, the confirmation is repeated.

The laboratory informs the customer when the method proposed by the customer is considered to be inappropriate or out of date.



#### LABORATORY-DEVELOPED METHODS

The introduction of calibration methods developed by the laboratory for its own use are a planned activity and assigned to qualified personnel equipped with adequate resources.

Plans are updated as development proceeds and effective communication amongst all personnel involved is ensured.

#### NON-STANDARD METHODS

When it is necessary to use methods not covered by standard methods, these are subject to agreement with the customer and include a clear specification of the customer's requirements and the purpose of the calibration. The method developed is validated appropriately before use.

#### VALIDATION OF METHODS

Validation is the confirmation by examination and the provision of objective evidence that the particular requirements for a specific intended use are fulfilled.

The laboratory validates non-standard methods, laboratory-developed/designed methods, standard methods used outside their intended scope, and amplifications and modifications of standard methods to confirm that the given methods are fit for their intended use. The validation is as extensive as is necessary to meet the needs of the given application or field of application. The laboratory records the results obtained, the procedure used for the validation, and a statement as to whether the method is fit for the intended use.

#### ESTIMATION OF UNCERTAINTY OF MEASUREMENT

The calibration laboratory has and applies a procedure to estimate the uncertainty of measurement for all calibrations and types of calibration.

#### Not applicable.

When estimating the uncertainty of measurement, all uncertainty components which are of importance in the given situation are taken into account using appropriate methods of analysis.

#### CONTROL OF DATA

Calculations and data transfers are subject to appropriate checks in a systematic manner.

When computers or automated equipment are used for the acquisition, processing, recording, reporting, storage or retrieval of calibration data, the laboratory ensures that:

- a) Computer software developed by the user is documented in sufficient detail and is suitably validated as being adequate for use;
- b) Procedures are established and implemented for protecting the data; such procedures shall include, but not be limited to, integrity and confidentiality of data entry or collection, data storage, data transmission and data processing;
- c) Computers and automated equipment are maintained to ensure proper functioning and are provided with the environmental and operating conditions necessary to maintain the integrity of calibration data.

#### 11.5 Equipment

The laboratory is furnished with all items of sampling, measurement and test equipment required for the correct performance of the calibrations (including sampling, preparation of calibration items, processing and analysis of calibration data). In those cases where the laboratory needs to use equipment outside its permanent control, it ensures that the requirements of this handbook are met.

Equipment and its software used for calibration and sampling are capable of achieving the accuracy required and complies with specification relevant to the calibrations concerned. Calibration programs are established for key quantities or values of the equipment where these properties have a significant effect on the results. Before being placed into service, equipment (including that used for sampling) is calibrated or checked to establish that is meets the laboratory's specification requirements and complies with the relevant standard specifications. It is checked and/or calibrated before use (see 11.6).



Equipment is operated by authorized personnel only. Up-to-date instructions on the use and maintenance of equipment (including any relevant manuals provided by the manufacturer of the equipment) are readily available for use by the appropriate laboratory personnel.

Each item of equipment and its software used for calibration and significant to the results are, when practicable, uniquely identified.

Records are maintained of each item of equipment and its software significant to the calibrations performed. The records include at least the following:

- a) The identity of the item of equipment and its software;
- b) The manufacturer's name, type identification, and serial number or other unique identification;
- c) Checks that equipment complies with the specification;
- d) The current location, where appropriate;
- e) The manufacturer's instructions, if available, or reference their location;
- f) Date, results and copies of reports and certificates of all calibrations, adjustments, acceptance criteria, and the due date of the next calibration;
- g) The maintenance plan, where appropriate, and maintenance carried out to date;
- h) Any damage, malfunction, modification or repair to the equipment.

The laboratory has procedures for safe handling, transport, storage, use and planned maintenance of measuring equipment to ensure proper functioning and in order to prevent contamination and deterioration.

Equipment that has been subjected to overloading or mishandling, gives suspect results, or has been shown to be defective or outside specified limits is taken out of service. It is isolated to prevent its use or clearly labeled or marked as being out of service until it has been repaired and shown by calibration to perform correctly. The laboratory examines the effect of the defect or departure from specified limits on previous calibrations and shall institute the "Control of nonconforming work" procedure.

Wherever practicable, all equipment under the control of the laboratory and requiring calibration is labeled, coded or otherwise identified to indicate the status of calibration, including the date when last calibrated and the date or expiration criteria when recalibration is due.

When, for whatever reason, equipment goes outside the direct control of the laboratory, the laboratory ensures that the function and calibration status of the equipment are checked and shown to be satisfactory before the equipment is returned to service.

When intermediate checks are needed to maintain confidence in the calibration status of the equipment, these checks are carried out according to a defined procedure.

When calibrations give rise to a set of correction factors, the laboratory has procedures to ensure that copies (e.g., in computer software) are correctly updated.

Test and calibration equipment, including both hardware and software, is safeguarded from adjustments which would invalidate the calibration results.

#### **11.6 Measurement Traceability**

#### <u>GENERAL</u>

All equipment used for calibrations, including equipment for subsidiary measurements (e.g., for environmental conditions) having significant effect on the accuracy or validity of the result of the calibration or sampling is calibrated before being put into service. The laboratory has an established program and procedure for the calibration of its equipment.

#### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

#### **CALIBRATION**

For calibration laboratories, the program for calibration of equipment is designed an operated so as to ensure that calibrations and measurements made by the laboratory are traceable to the International System of Units (SI) (*Système international d'unitès*).



A calibration laboratory establishes traceability of its own measurement standards and measuring instruments to the SI by means of an unbroken chain of calibrations or comparisons linking them to relevant primary standards of the SI units of measurement. The link to SI units may be achieved by reference to national measurement standards. National measurement standards may be primary standards, which are primary realizations of the SI units or agreed representations of SI units based on fundamental physical constraints, or they may be secondary standards which are standards calibrated by another national metrology institute. When using external calibration services, traceability of measurement is assured by the use of calibration services from laboratories that can demonstrate competence, measurement capability and traceability. The calibration certificates issued by these laboratories shall contain the measurement results, including the measurement uncertainty and/or a statement of compliance with an identified metrological specification.

NOTE: Calibration laboratories fulfilling the requirements of ISO 17025 are considered to be competent. A calibration certificate bearing an accreditation body logo from a calibration laboratory accredited to this International Standard, for the calibration concerned, is sufficient evidence of traceability of the calibration data reported.

There are certain calibrations that currently cannot be strictly made in SI units. In these cases calibration provides confidence in measurements by establishing traceability to appropriate measurement standards such as:

- The use of certified reference materials provided by a competent supplier to give a reliable physical or chemical characterization of a material;
- The use of specified methods and/or consensus standards that are clearly described and agreed by all parties concerned.

Participation in a suitable program of interlaboratory comparisons is required where possible.

#### **TESTING**

Section 5.6.2.2 (Testing) of ISO 17025 (2005-05-15 edition) is Not Applicable to Setra Systems.

#### **REFERENCE STANDARDS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS**

#### REFERENCE STANDARDS

The laboratory has a program and procedure for the calibration of its reference standards. Reference standards are calibrated by a body that can provide traceability as described in 5.6.2.1 of the ISO 17025 Standard. Such reference standards of measurement held by the laboratory are used for calibration only and for no other purpose, unless it can be shown that their performance as reference standards would not be invalidated. Reference standards are calibrated before and after any adjustment.

#### **REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Where possible, reference materials are traceable to SI units of measurement, or to certified reference materials. Internal reference materials are checked as far as is technically and economically possible.

#### INTERMEDIATE CHECKS

Checks needed to maintain confidence in the calibration status of reference, primary, transfer or working standards and reference materials are carried out according to defined procedures and schedules.

#### TRANSPORT AND STORAGE

The laboratory has procedures for safe handling, transport, storage and use of reference standards and reference materials in order to prevent contamination or deterioration and in order to protect their integrity.

#### 11.7 Sampling

Section 5.7 (Sampling) of ISO 17025 (2005-05-15 edition) is Not Applicable to Setra Systems.

#### 11.8 Handling of Calibration Items and equipment

The laboratory has procedures for the transportation, receipt, handling, protection, storage, retention and/or disposal of calibration items, including provisions necessary to protect the integrity of the calibration item, and to protect the interests of the laboratory and the customer.



The laboratory has a system for identifying calibration items. The identification is retained throughout the life of the item in the laboratory. The system is designed and operated so as to ensure that items cannot be confused physically or when referred to in records or other documents. If appropriate, the system accommodates a sub-division of groups of items and the transfer of items within and from the laboratory.

Upon receipt of the calibration item, abnormalities or departures from normal or specific conditions, as described in the calibration method, are recorded. When there is doubt as to the suitability of an item for calibration, or when an item does not conform to the description provided, or the calibration required is not specified in sufficient detail, the laboratory consults the customer for further instructions before proceeding and records the discussion.

The laboratory has procedures and appropriate facilities for avoiding deterioration, loss or damage to the calibration item during storage, handling and preparation. Handling instructions provided with the item are followed. When items have to be stored or conditioned under specified environmental conditions, these conditions are maintained, monitored and recorded. The laboratory has arrangements for storage and security that protect the condition and integrity of the secured items or portions concerned.

#### **11.9** Assuring the Quality of Calibration Results

The laboratory has quality control procedures for monitoring the validity of calibration undertaken. The resulting data is recorded in such a way that trends are detectable and, where practicable, statistical techniques shall be applied to the reviewing of the results. This monitoring is planned and reviewed and may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) Regular use of certified reference materials and/or internal quality control using secondary reference materials;
- b) Participation in interlaboratory comparison or proficiency-testing programs;
- c) Replicate tests or calibrations using the same or different methods;
- d) Retesting or recalibration of retained items;
- e) Correlation of results for different characteristics of an item.

Quality control data is analyzed and, where they are found to be outside pre-defined criteria, planned action is taken to correct the problem and to prevent incorrect results from being reported.

#### **11.10** Reporting the Results

#### **GENERAL**

The results of each calibration, or series of calibrations carried out by the laboratory is reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously and objectively, and in accordance with any specific instructions in the calibration methods.

The results are reported, usually in a calibration certificate, and include all the information requested by the customer and necessary for the interpretation of the calibration results and all information required by the method used. This information is normally that required by 5.10.2, and 5.10.3 or 5.10.4 of the ISO 17025 Standard.

In the case of calibrations preformed for internal customers, or in the case of a written agreement with the customer, the results may be reported in a simplified way. Any information listed in 5.10.2 to 5.10.4 which is not reported to the customer is readily available in the laboratory which carried out the calibrations.

#### **CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES**

Each calibration certificate includes at least the following information, unless the laboratory has valid reasons for not doing so:

- a) A title (e.g., "Calibration Certificate");
- b) The name and address of the laboratory, and the location where the calibrations were carried out, if different from the address of the laboratory;
- c) Unique information of the calibration certificate (such as the serial number), and on each page an identification in order to ensure that the page is recognized as a part of the calibration certificate, and a clear identification of the end of the calibration certificate;
- d) The name and address of the customer;
- e) Identification of the method used;
- f) A description of, the condition of, and unambiguous identification of the item(s) calibrated;



- g) The date of receipt of the calibration item(s) where this is critical to the validity and application of the results, and the date(s) of the performance of the calibration;
- h) Reference to the sampling plan and procedures used by the laboratory or other bodies where these are relevant to the validity or application of the results;
- i) The calibration results with, where appropriate, the units of measurement;
- j) The name(s), function(s) and signatures(s) or equivalent information of person(s) authorizing the calibration certificate;
- k) Where relevant, a statement to the effect that the results relate only to the items calibrated.

#### TEST REPORTS

Setra's accredited measurement facilities performs calibrations and issues calibration certificates. Thus, Section 5.10.3 of ISO 17025 dealing with Test Reports is Not Applicable to Setra.

#### CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

In addition to the requirements listed in 5.10.2, calibration certificates include the following, where necessary for the interpretation of calibration results:

- a) The conditions (e.g., environmental) under which the calibrations were made that have an influence on the measurement results;
- b) The uncertainty of measurement and/or a statement of compliance with an identified metrological specification or clauses thereof;
- c) Evidence that the measurements are traceable to SI Units of measurement

The calibration certificate relates only to quantities and the results of functional tests. If a statement of compliance with a specification is made, this identifies which clauses of the specification are met or not met.

When a statement of compliance with a specification is made omitting the measurement results and associated uncertainties, the laboratory records those results and maintains them for possible future reference.

When statements of compliance are made, the uncertainty of measurement is taken into account.

When an instrument for calibration has been adjusted or repaired, the calibration results before and after adjustment or repair, if available, are reported.

A calibration certificate (or calibration label) does not contain any recommendation on the calibration interval except where this has been agreed with the customer. This requirement may be superseded by legal regulations.

#### **OPINIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

When opinions and interpretations are included, the laboratory documents the basis upon which the opinions and interpretations have been made. Opinions and interpretations are clearly marked as such in a test report.

#### CALIBRATION RESULTS OBTAINED FROM SUBCONTRACTORS

When the test report contains results of tests performed by subcontractors, these results are clearly identified. The subcontractor reports the results in writing or electronically.

When a calibration has been subcontracted, the laboratory performing the work issues the calibration certificate to the contracting laboratory.

#### ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RESULTS

In the case of transmission of calibration results by telephone, telex, facsimile or other electronic or electromagnetic means, the requirements of this handbook are met.

#### FORMAT OF CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

The format is designed to accommodate each type of calibration carried out and to minimize the possibility of misunderstanding or misuse.



#### AMENDMENTS TO CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

Material amendments to a calibration certificate after issue are made only in the form of a further document, or data transfer, which includes the statement:

"Supplement to Calibration Certificate, serial number . . . [or as otherwise identified]," or an equivalent form of wording.

Such amendments meet all the requirements of this handbook.

When it is necessary to issue a complete new calibration certificate, this is uniquely identified and contains a reference to the original that it replaces.

**11.11** Appendix A – Products

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