



## Supplier Nadcap Accreditation – Airbus Policy

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Airbus must ensure the integrity of all products received from its Suppliers, in particular those in which Special Processes are involved. This requirement exists to protect Airbus business operations by reducing the number of Supplier quality escapes and related non-quality costs.

In the framework of the Airbus Supplier Control Process, and in line with EADS policy, Airbus decided to become an active member of Nadcap in 2002.

Nadcap is a Third Party, Industry-Controlled worldwide cooperative program, designed to manage a cost-effective consensus approach to special processes and products and provide continual improvement within the aerospace industry (including Customers, Primes and Suppliers).

The mission of Nadcap is to provide Special Process assessments and accreditation services that are acknowledged by most Primes.

Airbus decided to use the Nadcap services as a means of surveillance of its suppliers' Special Processes, and this is accepted by EASA as a means of compliance to applicable regulations (EASA Part 21G).

Dedicated mandate letters were addressed by Airbus to its suppliers in 2004 and 2005, requesting them to become Nadcap accredited. It is to be noted that this requirement is also stated in Airbus General Requirements GRAMS(1) and GRESS(2).

Since 2004 significant results have been achieved, particularly in terms of number of Nadcap accredited Supplier/Special Process couples, and Airbus congratulates those Suppliers who have already obtained their Nadcap accreditations and have cascaded this requirement to their Sub-tiers.

This gives Airbus a robust surveillance process of supplier Special Processes by a rigorous and systematic surveillance system. It also brings significant benefits to its Suppliers such as the eradication of redundant customer audits, reduction of their internal non-quality costs and opportunities for expanding business, particularly when Nadcap accreditation is a mandatory requirement for the selection process on new programmes.

Based on the above, Airbus has decided:

- to extend the Nadcap accreditation mandate to 3 new Special Process families,
- to remind suppliers that have not got Nadcap accreditations as a result of previous mandates to launch corresponding actions.

All suppliers are requested to gain Nadcap accreditations relevant to their business as per the policy described here by end 2009 and to cascade this requirement to their Sub-tiers.

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Thierry CAILLARD  
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(1) General Requirements for Aerostructure & Material Suppliers (AP2190)

(2) General Requirements for Equipment and System Suppliers (AP1013)



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### Nadcap Accreditations required by Airbus:

#### Special Process Family:

#### Nadcap checklists:

##### - Mandated since 2004:

- Heat Treating
- Non Destructive Testing
- Composite Manufacturing

AC7102 series  
AC7114 series  
AC7118

##### - Mandated since 2005:

- Chemical Processing
- Metallic Material Testing
- Electronics

AC7108 series  
AC7101 series  
AC7119 & AC7120

##### - New mandate in 2009:

- Welding
- Surface Enhancement
- Non-Metallic Material Testing

AC7110 series  
AC7117 series  
AC7122 series

NB: For any questions on the above, please contact your Airbus correspondent or Pascal Blondet at: [pascal.blondet@airbus.com](mailto:pascal.blondet@airbus.com).

For information concerning Nadcap accreditations, you can also consult the following websites: [www.pri-network.org](http://www.pri-network.org) and [www.eauditnet.com](http://www.eauditnet.com).