



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 the Airbus Group policy, Airbus decided to become an active member of Nadcap in 2002.

Nadcap is a worldwide Industry-Controlled 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 Supplier Requirement (ASR superseding GRAMS and GRESS).

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.

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

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Nadcap Accreditations required by Airbus:

Special Process Family:

- Mandated since 2004:

- Heat Treating
- Non Destructive Testing
- Composite Manufacturing (Parts)

Nadcap Acronym & checklists:

HT	AC7102 series
NDT	AC7114 series
COMP	AC7118

- Mandated since 2005:

- Chemical Processing (including Painting)
- Metallic Material Testing
- Electronics (Printed Boards, Circuit Card assemblies)

CP	AC7108 series
MTL	AC7101 series
ETG	AC7119 & AC7120 series

- Mandated since 2009:

- Welding (including Additive Manufacturing)
- Surface Enhancement
- Non-Metallic Material Testing (Parts)

WLD	AC7110 series
SE	AC7117 series
NMMT	AC7122 series

- Mandated since 2012:

- Non-Metallic Material Manufacturing (Raw Material)
- Non-Metallic Material Testing (Raw Material)

NMMM	AC7124 series
NMMT	AC7122 series

- New mandate in 2016:

- Non-Conventional Machining (EDM, LBM)¹
- Measurement and Inspection (CMM, LT, AA)²
- Metallic Materials Manufacturing (Forgings)

NM	AC7116 series
M&I	AC7130 series
MMM	AC7140

1 EDM = Electrical Discharge Machining / LBM = Laser Beam machining

2 CMM = Coordinate Measuring Machine / LT = Laser Tracker / AA = Articulating Arm

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

For information concerning Nadcap accreditations, you can also consult the following websites: www.pri-network.org and www.eauditnet.com.