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1 Purpose

This inspection guide is used to provide guidelines for inspecting castings.

2 Scope

This guideline can be used for all castings, including investment castings, injected die castings, sand castings and permanent mold castings.

3 Responsibilities

QC inspectors: Carry out detailed inspection of all features denoted on a drawing, inspectors must understand the proper uses and limitations of the equipment being considered throughout the inspection process.

Metrology: Provides inspection equipment that is calibrated and maintains calibration intervals.

IPT ME: Provides interpretation of design intent of drawing clarifies ambiguous drawing details and notes.

IPT QE: Interprets customer quality requirements.

4 Equipment

Coordinate Measurement Machine Calipers Micrometers Surface plates Angle plates Height gages Radius gages Dial indicators Gage blocks Gage pins

5 Discussion on inspection process

5.1 Use of Coordinate Measurements Machines (CMMs)

5.1.1 Appropriate uses of CMMs

This process on these types of commodities is not recommended since the castings exhibits excess material. It will be at the Quality Managers or Supervisors discretion to inspect castings on the CMM depending on the inspection TAKT time analysis of CMM vs Mechanical inspection.

5.1.2 Limitations of CMMs

Typical CMM report does not easily match to drawing features. The programmer needs to provide a map so that multiple circular features, linear features, etc. can be correlated to specific features on a dwg. It would better serve the quality community if CMM reports matched up to balloon callouts on balloon dwgs.

CMMs interpolate data (touches on a feature) according to internal algorithms to establish hole size, hole location, orientation of hole axis, datum planes, etc. CMMs tend to report to 4 decimal places. Because of this reporting to 4 places and the algorithms used to interpolate touch data, CMMs tend to provide an impression of precision that may exceed the accuracy of the measurement.

5.2 Use of Standard Inspection Methods (SIMs)

Many of the bomb racks, ejection systems and missile launcher rails MEC manufactures were designed in the

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1940s, 1950s and late 1960s through the mid 1980s. Examples of these programs include MA-4B, MAU-12, MAU-50, BRU-32, LAU-7, LAU-127,128, 129. ASME Y14.5 Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing had not yet been widely adopted at the time of design. Also CMMs were not in widespread use and standard inspection tools and go/no go tooling were what the designers anticipated would be used for inspecting parts.

In the mid-1990s through the 2010s is when Y14.5 was widely adopted as the design standard for dimensioning. Programs of this vintage include F-22 and JSF (F-35). In fact, for these programs, Computer Aided Design (CAD) was in widespread use and many of the above programs do not have complete dimensional and tolerance information on the drawings, This information is contained in the CAD models of the parts themselves. Standard Inspection Methods include calipers, height gages and surface blocks, gage pins, etc., basically everything that is conventional methods of inspection outside of CMM.

5.2.1 Appropriate uses of SIMs

SIMs conforms to the inspection methodology the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) had in mind when designing our older bomb racks and missile rails. Therefore, SIMs most accurately measure features in accordance with original design intent.

5.2.2 Limitations of SIMs

Using calipers, height gages and surface blocks, joe blocks, pin gages, etc to fully inspect a part will require multiple setups depending on the feature and orientation being inspected. This can increase inspection time compared to CMMs. It also requires a fair amount of operator skill and knowledge to properly use the equipment and interpret the results.

6 Inspection process

6.1 Using Coordinate Measurements Machines (CMMs)

6.1.1 When CMM program available

When a part to be inspected has an MEC QC approved CMM program available, it is recommended to use a CMM for speed and efficiency.

6.1.2 When discrepancies are noted

If the CMM inspection process finds certain features to be Out Of Tolerance (OOT), the feature must be verified using SIMs. Use of SIMs is considered the gold standard and is the accepted value of the inspected dimension.

6.2 Using Standard Inspection Methods (SIMs)

6.2.1 No CMM program available

Use Standard inspection Methods when no CMM program is available for inspecting the parts.

6.2.2 Verification of CMM discrepancies

Use SIMs as noted in 1.2 above when there are features that are found to be OOT with the CMM. NOTE: CMM program needs to be re-validated to ensure the accuracy of the program..

7 Detailed inspection process using SIMs

7.1 Calipers

Use calipers to measure OD of bosses and simple linear dimensions where the jaws can fit across the feature being inspected.

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7.2 Height gages and surface plates

Use height gages with dial indicators and surface plates where linear dimensions cannot be measured with calipers.

Height gages and surface plates can also be used to determine true position location of holes.

This equipment is also very suitable for determining flatness, parallelism, etc

7.3 Gage pins

Class ZZ minus pins shall be used for inspecting all holes that have 3 place dimensions. These are also called standard pins. Standard pins come in increments of .001 and have a tolerance of +.0000/-.0002. The acceptance criteria is if the maximum hole size minus pin goes in but the next size up does not, the hole meets Dwg requirements. For example, if a hole is called out as .188 +.002/-.000 then if a .190 minus pin goes into the hole but a .191 minus pin does not, the hole meets requirements. In an AS9102 inspection sheet, the hole size as measured would be listed as .190.

Class X minus pins shall only be used when inspecting holes that have 4 place dimensions. These are also known as Deltronic pins. They come in increments of .0001 and have a tolerance of +.00000/-.000040

7.4 Angle or Sine plates

Use angle plates in conjunction with surface plates and right angle blocks to inspect angular dimensions.

8 Inspection processes specific to castings

8.1 Interpretation of drawing notes

8.1.1 Edges of castings

The note "ALL CAST RADII ______" may be interpreted as "ALL EDGE RADII ______TO SHARP" No radiusing of edges is required for:

- a. The edge adjacent to the core.
- b. The mold parting line.
- c. Edges of surfaces ground by the foundry to remove gates and risers.

8.1.2 Edges of forging flash

In fulfillment of the general note "ALL CORNER RADII ______", no radisuing of edge corners of trimmed forging flash is required.

8.1.3 Surface condition of castings

Surfaces marked "CAST FLAT AND WITHOUT DRAFT" and normally symbolized as X shall be flat within the general straightness tolerances (see paragraph 8.1.5). Where risers and other projections have been removed by machining or grinding, such local areas shall be flush to 1/64 (.016) low in addition to general straightness tolerances.

8.1.4 Ring or cylindrical tolerances

The diameter or radius tolerance given on unmachined surfaces is a blanket tolerance that includes straightness or roundness.

8.1.5 Straightness tolerances

Straightness tolerances are applied to continuous surfaces and are measured separately and independently of all other tolerances except for ring or cylindrical type parts (see paragraph 8.1.4). Inspection for straightness

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tolerances shall be performed per the procedure in paragraph 8.2. General notes on straightness of castings may be of three types. Examples of these tolerances are as follows:

- a. Incremental tolerance note: General notes such as straightness within 1/16 (.031) in 12 inch, etc, are incremental tolerances notes and shall be interpreted as step functions. For example: Straightness within .016 inch per 9 inch means a .016 inch tolerance is permitted for each 9 inch or fraction thereof.
- b. Maximum tolerance note: General notes such as straightness within 3/64 (.047) max, etc, are maximum tolerance notes and denote the maximum allowable deviation from a true contour template anywhere on the part unless otherwise specified on the engineering drawing.
- c. General straightness note: The general notes "CASTING MUST BE STRIGHTENED BY THE FOUNDRY" should be interpreted to allow the maximum deviation that will permit the finish-machined part to meet its required tolerances.

8.2 Method for inspection for straightness

Local pits, grinding marks, or mismatch are not a part of the straightness tolerance. If the above conditions result in failure to meet thickness or other specific tolerances, the parts are rejectable. Place the surface of the part on a surface plate or contour template. If the part can be rocked, convex warpage is indicated. If the part cannot be rocked, concave warpage is indicated. Inspect per paragraph 8.2.1 or 8.2.2 as applicable.

8.2.1 Concave warpage (see Figure 1)

Holding the part securely against the surface plate (or contour plate), inspect with feeler gages. Reject if a feeler gage thicker than the specified tolerance can be inserted at any point between the casting and the surface plate.



8.2.2 Convex warpage (see figure 2)

Place a feeler gage of the specified thickness between the surface plate (or contour template) and one end of the cast surface to be inspected and hold the part down to prevent rocking. Reject if a feeler gage thicker than specified tolerance can be inserted between the surface of the casting and the surface plate.



9 Drawing interpretation and ambiguity issues

Drawings are not always clear on their intention, are frequently double dimensioned, call out obsolete materials and processes. In these instances it the IPT ME and QE are the authorities as to how the dwg shall be interpreted and the feature inspected to meet the requirements of the dwg and our customers. QC inspectors should not hesitate to call in the IPT ME and QE to understand the requirements.

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